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Opening Remarks

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**Rebecca Williams writes:**

*I went by Publix to pick up a copy of The Beachcomber, my favorite entertainment guide for the area. The display box was closed, and when I asked about it, the management told me the distributor had quit.*

*Where will I be able to get future copies of The Beachcomber? Please tell me Plan B is being activated, so I won't miss out on your great coverage of activities and entertainment.*

First of all, thanks, Rebecca, for your kind words.

Second, our distributor did not quit. It is my understanding that the removal of *The Beachcomber* and several other FREE publications from Publix supermarkets was a corporate decision. Which kind of pissed me off at first, because we move a lot of *Beachcombers* at Publix locations from 30A all the way west to Navarre.

But there are still lots of places where you can pick us up along the Emerald Coast. If you're reading this, you apparently already figured that out.

If you own a restaurant, bar, shop, vaping lounge, movie theater, bike shop, post office, gentleman's club, ladies' club, bail bonds company, doctor's office, car dealership or large supermarket chain and would like to offer *The Beachcomber* to your customers, hit me up and I'll make it happen.

And, of course, you can always read the complete print edition (plus back issues and exclusive web content) at **beachcomberdestin.com**.



Best Female Vocalist winner Hope Given will perform with her band at the Ninth Ever Beachcomber Music Awards, to be held Monday, March 6, at the new Funky Blues Shack in Destin. Other confirmed performers include Nik Flagstar and His Dirty Mangy Dogs, Kickstand Jenny, Finga FAYA and the Matt McCarty Quintet. The first round of nominations is happening now, so go to [beachcomberdestin.com](http://beachcomberdestin.com) and vote.



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## This Issue's Contributors

**Kellyanne Bartleson** (Family-Friendly Events) is the creator of **[EmeraldCoastKids.org](http://EmeraldCoastKids.org)**, a comprehensive online resource guide for all things kids, teens and families in Walton and Okaloosa counties.

**Samantha Brigante Lambert** ("Wuerffel Trophy Inspires Others to Be Community Minded") was a high school history teacher for 35 years. She always wanted to write and finally found the time after she retired. She is enjoying being back in Fort Walton Beach with her husband Scott and sons Drew and Alex.

**Sean Dietrich** ("Nothing Lasts Forever") has a new book out, *Sean of the South: Whistling Dixie*. You should buy yourself a copy right now.

**Hunter Forbes** ("Fly-Fishing in the Great State of Wyoming") is owner and guide at 30A Guide Service and Southern Whitetail Outfitters. The Santa Rosa Beach resident is also a freelance outdoor photographer, and a damn good one.

**Nikki Hedrick** ("Dealing with Change"), a resident of Seagrove Beach, is a photographer and longtime contributor to *The Beachcomber*. She co-owns 850 Music and Entertainment, which just got the official go-ahead for the Kite Film Fest's 2017 return to Club L.A.

**David Simmons** ("The Best Movies of 2016"), a professor at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville, received his PhD in Film Studies and Humanities from Florida State University in 2005. His extracurricular activities include leading the NWFSC Film Club, singing in the Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale, and performing in local plays, operas and musicals.

**Jenna Taylor** ("Fly-Fishing in the Great State of Wyoming") is an avid outdoorswoman, content creator and writer. Born and raised in Kentucky, she now lives in Santa Rosa Beach.

**Joni Williams** ("Alabama the Beertiful") enjoys eating, drinking and hitting the road on the spur of the moment, which is pretty much what she writes about, too. In this issue's Brew Review, the Florida near-native and self-proclaimed Gulf Coast Glutton heads to Alabama and throws down with the locals there.

## Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

If all else fails, call me and I will personally deliver a copy to your doorstep.

But feel free to stop by your Publix and complain. A little civil disobedience never hurts.

- Chris

My boycott of Publix lasted about half a second. I was baffled that the stores would carry the *New York Times*, *MAD*, and a bunch of gun magazines but not *The Beachcomber*, but that's on the bean counters—not the nice folks that work at my local Publix store.

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We're currently looking for someone to cover firearms for a new section of *The Beachcomber*, coming soon. If you're an expert, email me at **[chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com)**.



# Destin

The City of Destin has awarded **April Nickens** the 2016 Employee of the Year Award, the city's top staff honor. Nickens was presented the award at the city's annual Christmas Party and was recognized for her accomplishment by the mayor and city council at the January 3 council meeting.

Nickens joined the city in March 2015 as the accounts payable administrator in the finance department. She is responsible for performing administrative duties and serves as the primary point of contact between the finance department and the city's vendors. Under the direction of the finance director, Nickens performs a variety of accounting-related activities such as purchase order processing, accounts payable processing and staff payroll.

"I am honored and humbled by this award," says Nickens. "I attribute my success to my coworkers and the wonderful work environment at the city of Destin. I work with the best team ever, and I look forward to many more years of service."

"April is an exceptional employee," says City Manager **Carisse LeJeune**. "She has a great attitude and can always be depended upon to get the job done, even when extra effort is required. April possesses excellent customer service skills, with both internal and external customers, and she is always willing to assist others. The City of Destin is blessed to have April as part of our team."



City of Destin 2016 Employee of the Year April Nickens.

Nickens also received a certificate of recognition from Congressman Jeff Miller, her name etched on a plaque and a reserved parking place at City Hall for 2017.

The Employee of the Year is selected by a committee

from nominations made by coworkers. The award is given to the individual who best exemplifies the city's staff mission to provide quality service to the community through professionalism, communication and teamwork.

- Doug Rainer

# Fort Walton Beach

**IMPACT 100** of Northwest Florida—a nonprofit, all volunteer organization made up solely of women—has selected a new slate of officers to guide the group in 2017.

Taking the post of president is **Teresa Bolton** of Santa Rosa Beach. Bolton's experience includes 16 years in corporate financial departments.

**Lisa Jo Spencer** of Mary Esther will serve as vice president/president elect. After completing college and law school, Spencer joined the U.S. Air Force as part of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Following active duty, she was named Assistant State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Okaloosa County. Moving into private practice in 2003, she was a founding member of Fleet, Spencer & Kilpatrick, and subsequently Lisa Jo Spencer, PA, in 2014.

**Pam Woodall** of Shalimar will be the secretary of IMPACT 100. She is president of Beach Community Mortgage, a subsidiary of Beach Community Bank that has operations throughout the Emerald Coast. Woodall has more than 30 years of experience in the mortgage business.

**Joanna Dean** of Crestview will serve as treasurer, a position she also held in 2016. Dean has more than 15 years of experience in the accounting field and has spent the past 10 years working for Speedee Cash Management Company, Inc. She



IMPACT 100 of Northwest Florida's 2017 officers.

currently serves as the company's Chief Operating Officer.

Other 2017 board members are **Michelle Anchors** (Shalimar), **Christine Carter** (Destin), **Kay Crawford** (Miramar Beach), **Sherry Ensor** (Crestview), **Amanda Gordon** (Shalimar), **Cindy Graham** (Santa Rosa Beach), **Dawn Hoffman** (Niceville), **Susan Page** (Shalimar), **Jennifer Poland** (Destin), **Gayle Powers** (Miramar Beach), **Mathilda Ravine** (Mary Esther), **Cindy Shanklin** (Niceville), **Mari-Helen Skinner** (Miramar Beach),

**Jo Stewart** (Miramar Beach), and **Connie Yarbro** (Miramar Beach).

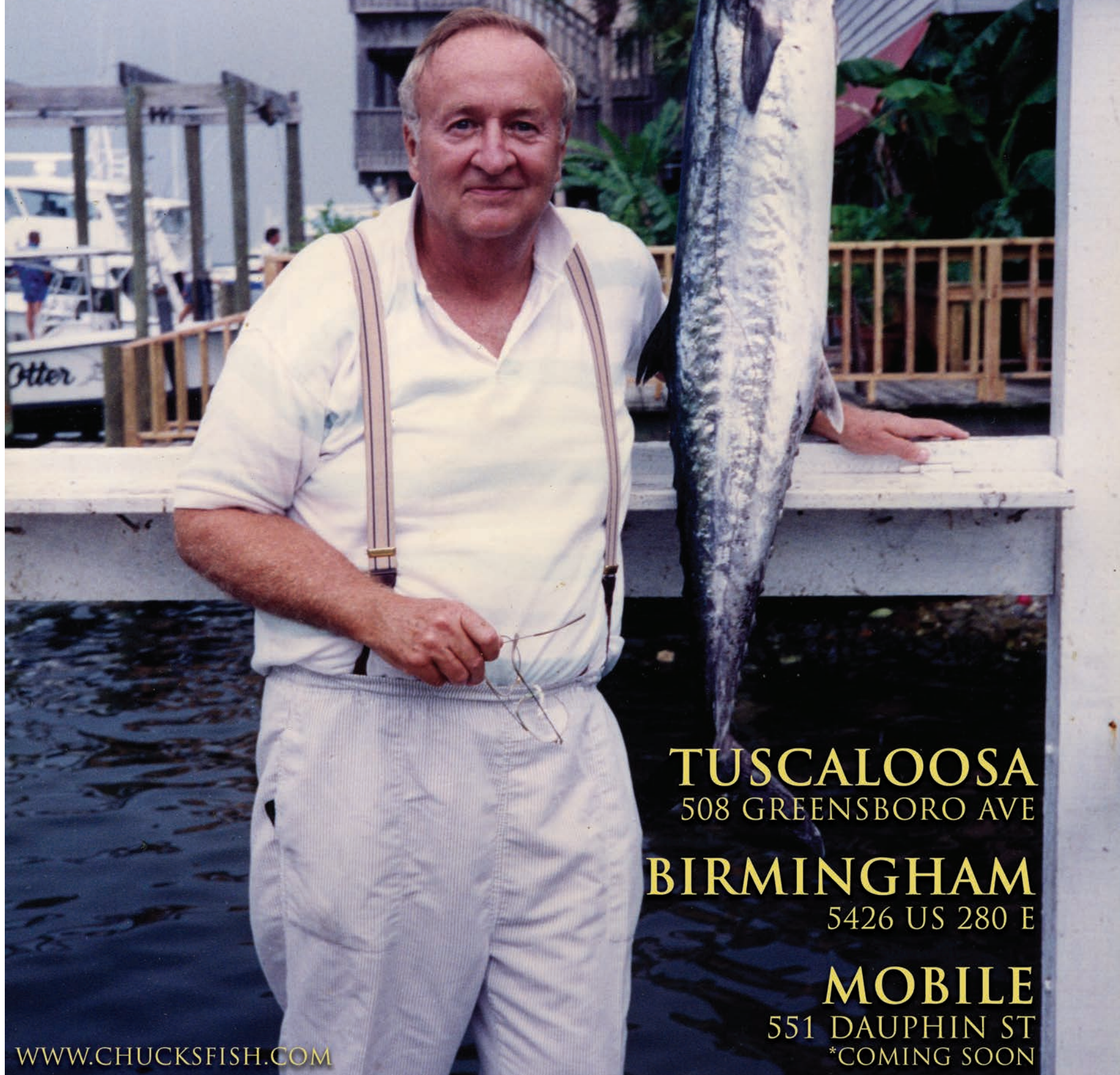
In the past five years, IMPACT 100 has contributed \$1.29 million to nonprofit groups in Okaloosa and Walton counties. All of these funds come from annual member donations and are provided as grants of at least \$100,000.

For additional information about IMPACT 100 or to join the organization, visit [impactnwf.org](http://impactnwf.org).

- Denise Kendust



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# Eight Years Later, "Yes, We Can" Became "Yes, He Did"

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

**This is the** lull between presidencies when we traditionally debate the issue of legacy.

Those who hate Barack Obama rant about all the awful things he's done, while those who like him praise all the great things he's done.

Obama himself is understandably concerned about edifying his legacy, which will be attacked with relish by the new president and the Republican-led Congress. That's the politics of our day, and Obama can't do much about it.

Ex-presidents are helpless to choose their places in history, a process that unfolds with time and perspective. Obama needn't worry. He'll be treated well.

When he entered the White House in January 2009, he basically was handed a steaming bag of crap—two endless and costly wars, skyrocketing

national debt and an economy skidding toward a doomsday cliff.

He also faced hostile Republican leaders who, even before his first full day on the job, had met privately vowing to fight everything he proposed—including policy ideas that had originated with the GOP.

That's the unwelcoming scenario that greeted the first African-American president eight years ago. Yet, in less than two weeks he'll leave office with popularity ratings comparable to those of Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

Most of our troops are home from Afghanistan and Iraq. Much of the al-Qaida leadership—remember the maniacs who attacked us on 9/11?—has been decimated by drone strikes.

Oh, and Osama bin Laden is dead. (If a Republican president had ordered that raid, he would have been given a coronation.)

One other thing that happened during Obama's presidency: The economy

didn't tank. In fact, a major recovery began.

More than 15 million new jobs have been added since 2010. Unemployment is way down, and so is the poverty rate. Incomes are rising even for the middle class. Gas prices are low and, for the first time in decades, America isn't dependent on foreign oil.

The U.S. auto industry, on the brink of bankruptcy when Obama took office, is now roaring. Most of the bailout money has been paid back.

And lots of people have gotten richer on Wall Street, as stock prices soared with corporate profits.

Obama shouldn't get credit for all of this, but the people who hate him give him no credit for anything. Some of them never came to grips with the fact there was a black guy in the White House. They just couldn't deal with it, and still can't.

History will.

It will also deal with the frightening rise of the Islamic State (should Obama have left more troops in Iraq?), the carnage in Syria (should Obama have sent arms sooner to the moderate rebels?) and the surge in mass shootings in the United States (should Obama have worked harder on gun control?).

It's fashionable to say Obama's "signature" achievement was the Affordable Care Act, which he did a terrible job of explaining and defending. That's a big reason the Democrats lost the House of Representatives in the 2010 mid-term elections.

At the time, Republican leaders thundered that Obamacare would destroy the economy. It didn't, of course.

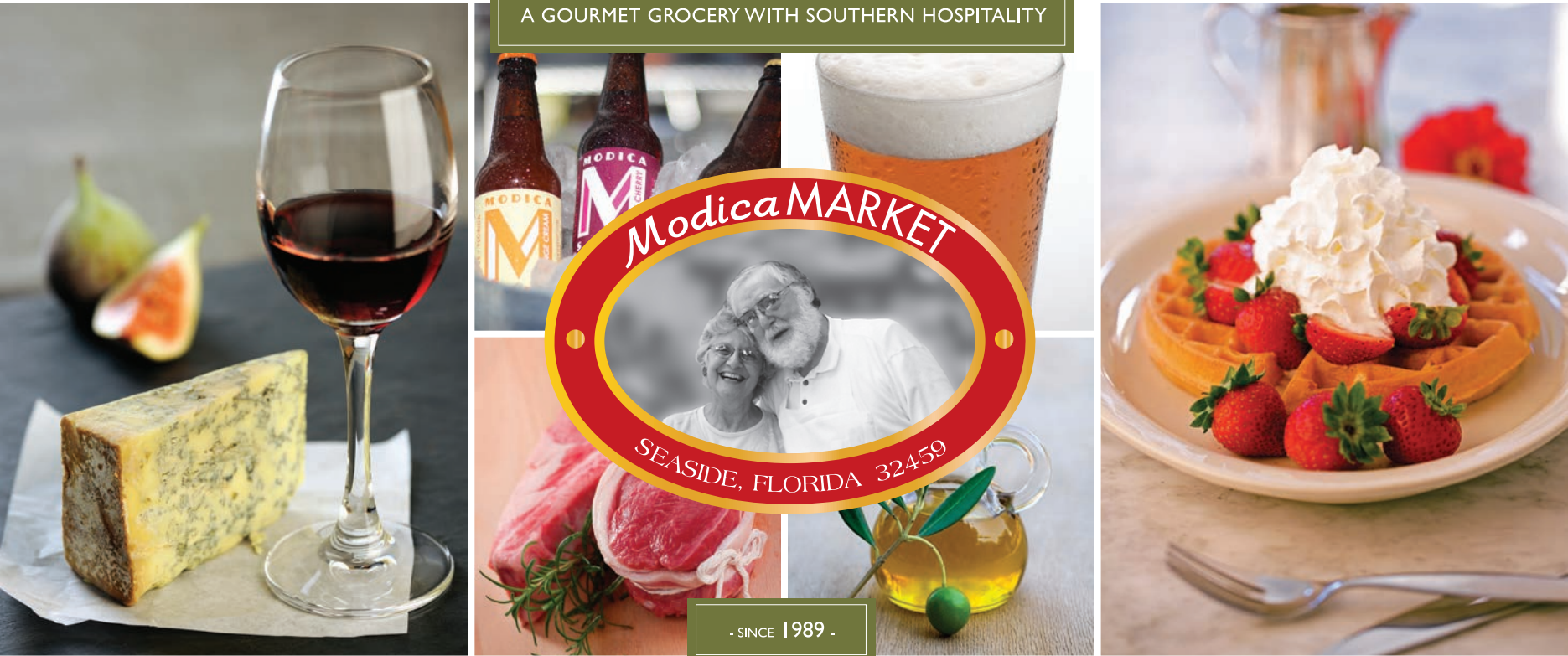
It also didn't work nearly as well it was supposed to. Now Donald Trump and Congress must figure out how

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Commentary

Dealing with Change

By Nikki Hedrick

Change is one of the few constants.

Local is a funny term around Beachcomberland, one that is envied and picked apart. Sure, you've lived here for 10 years, maybe 15, but sometimes that doesn't seem enough to give an understanding of just how much this area has changed.

Heck, I'm 31 and lived over 30 of those years right off 30A, yet my window is limited. I don't remember Fort Walton Beach or Destin as quieter versions of themselves entirely. It didn't really register to me as a kid.

Of course, I remember some landmarks and the giant arcade that resided in Silver Sands. But living on the eastward end of 30A also means we went to Panama City Beach for lot of our standard shopping trips, making Destin more foreign.

Winter months in Seaside meant a few older people in windbreakers walking with coffee in hand. And no one else.

Sometimes, during off-season, I am in awe of the fact that we still have traffic. We have enough locals to have bona fide traffic during the slowest, least tourist-active months.

Twelve years ago when I was working at Collaborations—a retail space along 30A—I would hear visitors balk at the area's growth. I would always smile and reply, "The change is hard as a local, but we have a hospital, a grocery store, and high school just minutes away now. It took growth to be able to sustain those as well."

Sure, if I was magically in control there are things I would have done differently for our area and for our community. There are some serious issues bubbling right here concerning beach use, whether our infrastructure can handle our continued growth, and the lack of amenities for our youth. And that's just for starters. These are community issues. Local issues.

Change will keep happening, but as locals we have the power to use our voices to try and keep those changes in check.

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# Local Artist Spotlight – Claire Gagne

**Claire Gagne** is the co-owner of Emerald Coast Gallery & Gifts, located in the McGuire's Irish Pub shopping center in Destin. We're proud to feature some of her recent work here. To see more, stop by the gallery and/or visit [emeraldcoastartgallery.com](http://emeraldcoastartgallery.com).

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**Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady**, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. [rosalynogrady.com](http://rosalynogrady.com).

**Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger**, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

**Thursdays. Landscape Painting with Carol Ann Cain**, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Carol at 850-543-3575. [carolanncain.com](http://carolanncain.com).

**Fridays. Beginning Head Studies with Charlotte Arnold**, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Charlotte at 850-240-7888. [CharlotteArnoldFineArt.com](http://CharlotteArnoldFineArt.com).

**Saturdays. Kids' Drawing with Sarah Coleman**, 10 a.m.-noon. For ages 11-15. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call 310-717-4302 for more info.

**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery**, Fort Walton Beach. More info at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio**, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

**Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12**, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

**Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$85 (\$70 for ADSO members).

**Tuesdays. Open Studio**, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for ADSO members).

**Thursdays. Watercolor Painting with Pat Farwell**, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Beginner through advanced. Bring your own supplies—list provided in the ADSO office. Cost is \$85 per month (\$70 for ADSO members).

**Fridays. Open Studio**, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

**EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS**, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit [emeraldcoastartgallery.com](http://emeraldcoastartgallery.com) for more info.



**FULL CIRCLE GALLERY**, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit [fullcirclefwb.com](http://fullcirclefwb.com) for more info.

**Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte**, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

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Adult classes start at \$85, kids start at \$35. Sign up online at [ShardShop.com](http://ShardShop.com) or call 850-231-0544.

## ART EVENTS

**THROUGH JAN. 20. PYRAMID ART SHOW AT ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**  
Reception Friday, **Jan. 13**, 6-8 p.m. More at [pyramidinc.org](http://pyramidinc.org).

**THROUGH JAN. 28. EMERALD COAST PLEIN AIR PAINTERS AT DESTIN LIBRARY**  
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**THROUGH JAN. 31. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**  
The January spotlight shines on **Geraldine Walters**, who works in oils and acrylics. [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**THROUGH JAN. 31. JANUARY ARTIST OF THE MONTH KATHLEEN BROADERICK AT 45 CENTRAL WINE BAR, SEASIDE**



The popular Seaside spot wraps up the Artist of the Month series with the prolific Broaderrick, whose "Bonita" was featured on *The Beachcomber's* cover in 2016. More at [fortyfivecentral.com](http://fortyfivecentral.com) and [kathleenbroaderick.com](http://kathleenbroaderick.com).

**THROUGH JAN. 31. LOCAL COLOR ARTISTS AT SOUTH WALTON COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH**  
The library is located at 437 Greenway Trail.

**THROUGH FEB. 25. JOAN VIENOT AT THE FOSTER GALLERY, SANDESTIN**  
Vienot is one of 15 artists in the winter rotation

at the Market Shops gallery managed by the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County. More at [joanvienot.com](http://joanvienot.com).

**JAN. 13. GLASS ARTIST MARY HONG AT DESTIN LIBRARY**



All *Beachcomber* readers are encouraged to attend Hong's FREE program at 2 p.m. For more info, email [friendsofthedestinlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthedestinlibrary@gmail.com).

**OPENS JAN. 24. ADSO MEMBERS ART SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

Reception **Jan. 27**, 6-8 p.m. The ADSO members showcase work in all media and basically just show off their favorite stuff. The exhibit runs through Feb. 17. More at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**JAN. 25. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**



University of West Florida drawing instructor **Greg Saunders** will speak at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 if you make your reservation before Jan. 23. Email [adsorsvp@gmail.com](mailto:adsorsvp@gmail.com) or call Risa at 850-376-3901.

## ART GALLERIES

**ADARO ART** is a new gallery with works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year **Juan Francisco Adaro**, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Located in the

Uptown Shops of Grayton on Scenic Highway 30A next to Another Broken Egg Café. Open Tue.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 51-1 Uptown Grayton Circle, Grayton Beach, 561- 985-5767. Email [adaro.art@gmail.com](mailto:adaro.art@gmail.com) for more info. [www.adaro.art.com](http://www.adaro.art.com).

**AMUSE ART STUDIO** Acrylic paintings, watercolors and gifts. Owner and artist **Linda Barton** has a Master's Degree in Art Education. Open 2-6 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-660-6560 or 250-901-0718. Check out more at [amuseartstudio.com](http://amuseartstudio.com).

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# 30A Fest Performer Cooper Carter's Top Five Guitar Heroes

**1. Jimmy Page.** He will always be my first and biggest guitar hero. My father introduced me to Led Zeppelin at an early age, and I spent my first year as a serious guitar student learning every note on the first four Zeppelin albums (and much of the later ones, as well). I was in ninth grade when the *How the West Was Won* DVD set came out, and I absolutely devoured it—so much that I played “Dazed and Confused” at the high school talent show, complete with the violin bow solo. Page has it all—he writes timeless riffs, his soloing is memorable and melodic, he is a master producer and studio pioneer, and onstage, he epitomizes the rock star in every way.

**Essential Track:** “Dazed and Confused” from *Led Zeppelin* DVD (2003).

**2. Eric Clapton.** Much of what I said about Page holds true for Clapton. Whether it's the opening riff of “Bell Bottom Blues” or the lead lines from “White Room,” Clapton's playing is so astounding because it's so memorable. One has to mention his tone, too, which—especially in the early '90s—is just gorgeous. And of course his voice, which will always be one of my favorites to listen to. I happened into stem tracks from *Layla* a year ago and listened to the solo vocals on repeat for a long time. What a performance. What I always loved most about Clapton is that while he is a true guitar virtuoso, he was always a songwriter first. Sure, I can sing from memory or play every

note of his solos, but far more people know him for his timeless lyrics and vocal melodies.

**Essential Track:** “White Room” from *24 Nights* (1991).

**3. David Gilmour.** I risk repeating myself in that there are two clear themes to most of my big heroes, namely melody in their playing and songwriting. Gilmour also essentially owns the word tone. It's an oft-repeated cliché that Gilmour can say more with one note than most guitar players can say with 50, but, like most clichés, it's true. Gilmour could hold out one note for half an hour, and I'd listen to it, just to hear how he coaxes it from the amplifier. I spent so many nights in my best friend's basement jamming through the *PULSE* DVD, which includes a live set of *Dark Side of the Moon* in its entirety. In keeping with themes, we actually ended up getting special permission to play *Dark Side* all the way through at our high school's “Big Day Off” event. I was lucky enough to see Gilmour live this year, and even now, he is a master in every way.

**Essential Track:** “Comfortably Numb” from *PULSE* (1995).

**4. Eric Johnson.** There are two types of guitar players. Some players are, say, 30 percent natural ability and 70 percent years of practice. Others are born to do nothing else but master the guitar, and years of practice hone



their natural talent. EJ is the latter. He is the instrument. When I first heard Johnson's “Cliffs of Dover,” my entire concept of what the guitar could do changed. He was Clapton's smooth, effortless finesse, Stevie Ray Vaughan's groove and fire, and David Gilmour's command of creamy, distorted tones all wrapped into one, with the speed turned up to levels I'd never imagined. And that “speed” never seemed unnecessary or over the top.

Despite his mind-blowing playing, most guitarists don't consider EJ a “shredder.” He somehow defies labels. Like with any of the others on this list, two notes, and you know it's him. When I was 17, I couldn't stop playing *Ah Via Musicom* and watching *Live from Austin, TX*. I wanted to learn every note, to get inside his playing and see what made it so unique. Still working on that mission.

**Essential Track:** “Cliffs of Dover” from *Live from Austin, TX* (2005).

**5. John Petrucci.** My second “JP” hero. I first heard Petrucci's playing when I attended a summer performance intensive at Berklee College of Music in Boston. My next-door neighbor in the dorms was blasting “Overture 1928,” and it was unlike anything I'd ever heard. The rhythm playing was as

heavy, precise, and riffy as Metallica. The lead playing was at one moment as melodic as anything Gilmour even recorded, and then the next moment would explode into flurries of notes that would make Eddie Van Halen bust into a huge grin.

If Jimmy Page was my biggest childhood guitar hero, Petrucci was certainly my biggest aspirational bar as a young adult. Like my other heroes, Petrucci is a part writer as much as he is a part player. His utter command of the instrument means that, despite his immense technical prowess, he's never written a riff or line that isn't as catchy, memorable, and melodic as it is challenging to play. He is an unrivaled virtuoso, in addition to being one of the kindest guys in the business.

**Essential Track:** “Scene Two: I. Overture 1928” from *Metropolis Part 2: Scenes from a Memory* (1999).

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# Welcome Back... Marc Harris on the 2017 30A Songwriters Festival

Since moving to Birmingham from Point Washington, I've had the opportunity to meet many of the soulful musicians in Birmingham and feel fortunate to have played with some of them. I lucked up moving in next door to a good friend of Oteil Burbridge's (Allman Brothers Band, Oteil & the Peacemakers), and soon after met Peacemakers keyboard player Matt Slocumm (Susan Tedeschi, James Hunter, Rich Robinson).

Ultimately, Matt moved in across the street and now plays with my band every now and then when he's in town. I had a chance to do some shows playing guitar for Taylor Hicks in 2015 opening for the Roots and Macy Gray. I was also able to re-connect with some of my mentors in Nashville—Mark Selby, Greg Barnhill and Lee Roy Parnell, who has become a genuine friend.

My thought in moving to Birmingham from the beach was that I could reconnect with people in Nashville where I grew up, but still be close enough to play down here and keep in touch with some of the best friends I've ever made.

Living in South Walton and playing hundreds of four-hour shows in 90 degree weather was my most formative musical time. I learned how to play guitar in Nashville, but performing and writing truly became second nature down here.

Long after I moved, I still performed in this area on a regular basis. In 2010, through various introductions, I started working with JAB Wilson (harmonica) and Larry Couch (guitar, bass, vocals). I kind of stumbled into the best beach combo I've ever had. JAB gives everything I do a wonderful organic vibe. He keeps the electric guitar from being too brittle or boring, and adds great melodies. Larry is one of the finest musicians I've ever listened to, and we quickly started to create a sound and have been

recording at JAB's studio in Destin and in Birmingham.

Every year has been different. In 2016, JAB and I played a lot in Birmingham and Florence, Alabama as a duo. We started feeling validated as a duo by the response we were getting at V-Seagrove in 2012. People from all walks of life were going out of their way to let us know they enjoyed our music. That's what keeps me playing music.

I'm happy to say JAB and I are playing again this year at the 30A Songwriters Festival. I'm honored that I have been able to perform at every 30A Fest since the first year, especially when it has evolved to the point where they have so many great writers with amazing music of all genres and many with smash hits.

Talk about reconnecting... this year at the 30A Fest, I really want to catch Derek George. He played with a group called Pearl River when I was touring with John Berry (both on the same label), and we did some shows together back in the day when it was all new and exciting. Derek always pulled you in to what he was playing, and it seems he's only gotten better with time.

I also definitely want to see Brian Collins, a strong new artist that I was introduced to by another of my mentors, engineer and producer Jim McKell. I hope to catch sets by some of the real artists that are emerging from the local Walton-Okaloosa music family like Chris Alvarado, Kelsey Waters, Reed Waddle and Kyle LaMonica.

Through the last seven years, being part of the 30A Songwriters festival, I have become a fan of many artists and bands I knew nothing about. Like Seth Walker, Amy LaVere, Phil Madeira, Griffin House—and the list goes on. That may be the best part of the 30A Fest—the fact that you can easily be exposed to all kinds of new music. You may find your "new favorite" that you have never heard of.



Marc Harris returns to the 30A Songwriters Festival Jan. 13-15 with longtime collaborator JAB Wilson.

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# Two Don't-Miss 30A Fest Acts

By Nikki Hedrick

**Every year, the 30A Songwriters Festival** brings a colorful smorgasbord of musicians, songwriters and legends to our beach community. And every year is a different experience, down to the swings in Florida weather, the venues that participate, and, of course, the array of performers.

**John Gorka** returns for this year's event. "I was there, I think it was 2014," he says. "I really liked it. It was nice to be on a beach in Florida in January."

Gorka says the thing he likes best about folk music in general is "it could be about any topic, not necessarily the easiest to sell. It could be noncommercial or about any aspect of a person's life."

Being focused on where inspiration leads, Gorka has the freedom to explore musical ideas. As he eloquently puts it, "My favorite place to be is in the middle of a song."

Jack Hardy, who was at the forefront of the Greenwich Village folk music scene, had a methodical take on songwriting. "He was the first person I met who wrote songs on a schedule," says Gorka. "I think his general routine was to try and write a song a week. I knew novelists would write like that, try to get to a certain number of pages a day. But I didn't know that songwriters could do that."

Hardy viewed waiting for inspiration to strike as a cop out. And Gorka took on a similar challenge, aiming to write a song a month, which eventually turned into a two-a-month goal. "I did that a bunch of years until having kids," he says. "That kind of changed everything, and now I write whenever I can."

Gorka likes writing first thing in the morning "when you are halfway between the dream state and full logical reality. It seems like those are the most productive times for songs." He is quick to warn about destructive times as well. "If I try to work on a song at the wrong time, the feel doesn't come back and I just see all the flaws and none of the potential."

"Sometimes they will come fully formed, but sometimes they can take

years," Gorka says of his songs. "Each one kind of has its own process of being born. I try not to force the idea of song into any sort of box before it is what it wants to be. I try to get out of the way."

First time 30A Fest performer **Wyatt Edmondson** takes methodical songwriting a step further—turning to word lists to stay tuned into a concept. "As far as should lyric come first, should melody come first, or should you just sit there and struggle and see what happens...for me, I find it helps more when I have a clear idea of the concept," he says.

"I try to make sure whatever I'm doing, I'm feeling it."

The young singer-songwriter from Montgomery found a mentor in composer Robert W. Smith, and is part of Troy University's music program. Nearing the end of his academic career, he has dreams of heading to Nashville while continuing to write for himself and collaborating with others.

Even though Edmondson's songs are acoustic oriented, his isn't afraid to move outside that box. He recently produced a hip-hop single and embracing EDM remixes of his songs.

Edmondson has been diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, which his grandfather also has. "He's actually a piano tuner and is fully blind. It is progressive blindness, I have it, and my younger cousin has it. What is interesting is all three of us are musically inclined."

While the degenerative eye disease means Edmondson sometimes struggles in dark settings, he keeps a positive outlook. "It's a part of my daily life and probably even inspired me to pursue music."

Edmondson is grateful for the opportunity to be in this year's festival lineup. "To be able to be a part of something like this is one of the greatest things I could ever ask for."

He recently released *Lovers Lake*, with artwork by his sister Joanna. Edmondson will be accompanied by guitarist-vocalist Jack Binkerd during his festival performances.



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Rock for a Cure is a charity concert that unites area musicians, vendors and patrons to come together to donate their money and energies to the American Cancer Society's battle against cancer. Entering its ninth straight year, Rock for a Cure looks to double down on efforts to help fight cancer.

"The door cover, the food sold, the raffles, the t-shirts donated by the Block—all the proceeds raised from those all go to the ACS," says Siren. "This year, we have the absolute best talent the Florida Panhandle has to offer, (and they) are donating their time to this as well."

That talent covers 11 acts in all genres of music, from the reggae-

rock sounds of Beachcomber Music Award winners Heritage to the funk beats of the Okaloosa Sound and the hard rock brought by Filmore Drive. "There's a little bit of something for everyone," says Siren.

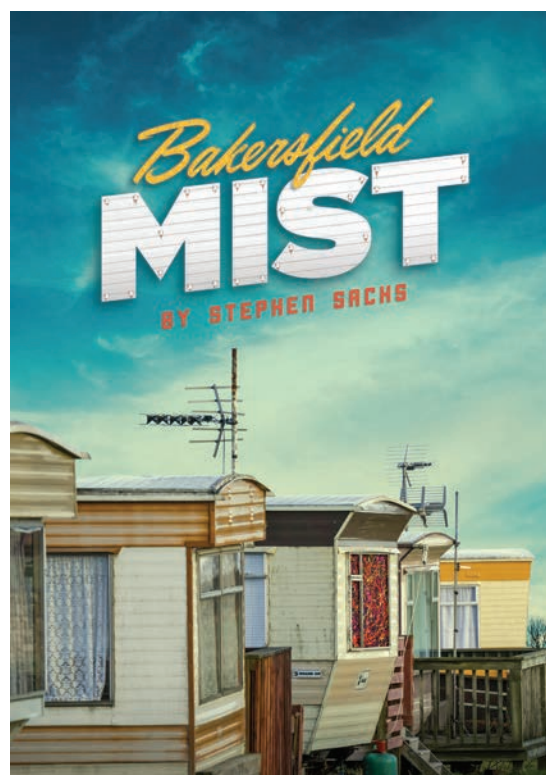
"(This is) an evening where the money goes to the American Cancer Society, but at the same time, it isn't about dwelling on the horror that is cancer. It's about celebrating the times we have with the ones we love the most."

Also on the bill is celebrated Beachcomberland musician Austin Jennings, whose own battle with cancer has been well documented in this publication.

The entry fee is \$10, and all proceeds from the door go directly to the American Cancer Society. Doors open at 6 p.m. with music beginning shortly thereafter. This is a 21-and-up event.

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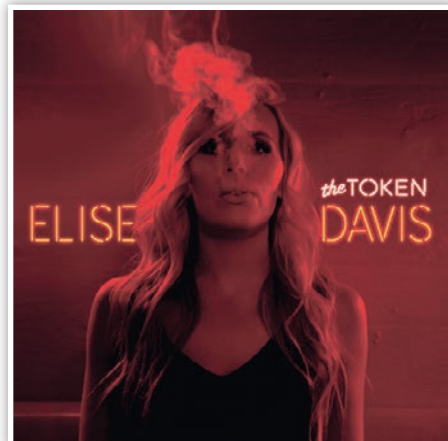
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## Elise Davis

### *The Token*

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Davis is a country rebel. Her creamy southern voice isn't about the tread the well-worn road—*The Token* is moody, modern and fearless. With phrases like “I’ll never beg you to be with me,” she’s a welcome emblem of bucking the trend of love songs that strip away independence and identity. We need more Davises in country music and beyond. Appearing at the 30A Songwriters Festival Jan. 13-15.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Robby Hecht

### *Robby Hecht*

Soundcloud



Nashville singer-songwriter Hecht's 2014 self-titled (third) album charts its own ambling path among low-key country, blues and ballad poetry. You can find hints of Dylan, Simon & Garfunkel, and not a little touch of good old Harry Nilsson among the 13 all-original tracks. His measured delivery and timing show a mature mastery of storytelling and phrasing. His arrangements and accompaniment are likewise deceptively simple. Hecht has the kind of delicately forceful voice that can fool you into thinking anyone can do what he's doing. His songs are face-to-face conversations, the kind you need to shut up and listen to. Appearing at the 30A Songwriters Festival.

- Bruce Collier

## Ty Herndon

### *House on Fire*

Journey On Entertainment



On *House on Fire*, Herndon embraces some pop sensibilities and tackles weighty issues in subtle ways. On the surface, this is a country album—polished and ready for airplay. But as you dig into Herndon's life, it becomes much more. Either perspective leads to the same conclusion—the album is deserving of a listen from any country fan. Appearing at the 30A Songwriters Festival.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Griffin House

### *So On and So Forth*

Evening Records



With a quick turn of phrase and vivid storytelling, House is an accessible Americana artist. He's the sum of all his parts, freely borrowing from all avenues to craft an album that is atmospheric and rich. House is the type of well-rounded songwriter that is easy to sit up and take notice of—you'll want to keep tabs on him as his career develops. Appearing at the 30A Songwriters Festival.

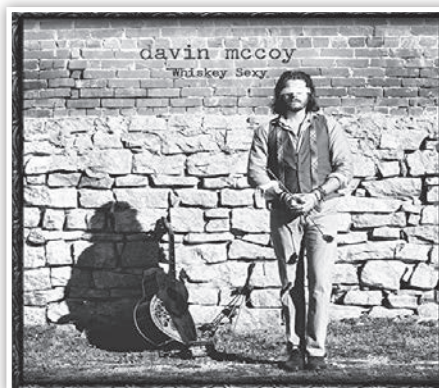
- Nikki Hedrick

## Davin McCoy

### *Whiskey Sexy*

Blank Records

The songlist of Atlanta-based singer, guitarist and songwriter McCoy's sophomore album was reportedly written in two weeks “with a bottle of



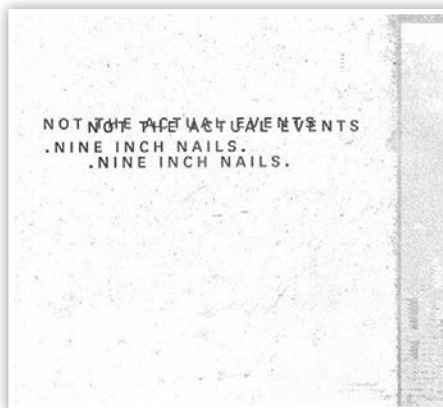
whiskey and a guitar,” then recorded in the company of some of McCoy's favorite Atlanta musicians—plus a bar and pool table. The resulting effort could have sounded self-indulgent, but it isn't. McCoy's young-old rasp, impressive range and turn of phrase combine to provide just the right edge to cut through any potentially lurking clichés. There's a slim thread of Leonard Cohen that weaves its way through some of the material, minus Cohen's restless solemnity. Appearing at the 30A Songwriters Festival.

- Bruce Collier

## Nine Inch Nails

### *Not the Actual Events*

The Null Corporation



NIN closed 2016 by dropping its first album in three years (billed as a “surprise release”), albeit a five-track EP. The real surprise is the announcement of Atticus Ross as an official NIN member. Despite the rotating band members over the years, the only other official member is frontman, founder and Ross' frequent movie soundtrack collaborator Trent Reznor. Considering NIN's 20-plus year history, this is a pretty big deal. Also no small deal—legendary Daves Navarro and Grohl guest on the album. With so much talent—and at 51, Reznor singing unfalteringly, without so much as a trace of an aging quaver—how could this be anything but good?

- Joni Williams

## EDITOR'S PICKS - 30A FEST SPECIAL

**Colvin & Earle, *Colvin & Earle*.** Hopefully, Steve Earle will make it out

for next year's event. In the meantime, enjoy this collaboration with 30A Fest headliner Shawn Colvin, who enhances the throwback twang vibe. Somehow, the album finds the perfect balance between loose jam and studio professionalism.

## John Prine, *For Better, Or Worse*.

Excellent follow-up to Prine's duets classic *In Spite of Ourselves* brings back Iris DeMent (lucky us) and a bunch of newcomers, not the least of whom is Kacey Musgraves. She and Prine dust off the unlikely Buck Owens oldie “Mental Cruelty” to giddy effect.

## Willie Sugarcapps, *Paradise Right Here*.

The Americana supergroup's second album is every bit as good as the debut, and it's obvious to anyone with ears that Kimbrough, Capps, et.al. aren't saving their best stuff for their solo albums. In terms of sheer talent, I'd compare them to the platinum-selling lineup of Fleetwood Mac.

## Chely Wright, *I Am the Rain*.

Wright has been missing in action for the last few festivals, and her return in smaller (i.e., non-“big” name) print on the posters might make you think she's not as vital as she used to be. Wrong. She's never sounded better—intriguing production, too, and choice material, including a cover of Dylan's “Tomorrow Is a Long Time” that rivals Elvis' and Rod Stewart's.

- Chris Manson

## UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

### JAN. 13

Jake Clemons, *Fear & Love*  
England Dan & John Ford Coley, *All-Time Greatest Hits*  
The Flaming Lips, *Oczy Mlody*  
Brantley Gilbert, *The Devil Don't Sleep*  
Gerry Rafferty, *The Very Best of Gerry Rafferty*  
The Regrettes, *Feel Your Feelings, Fool!*  
Run the Jewels, *Run the Jewels 3*  
Jeannie Seely, *Written in Song*  
Sepultura, *Machine Messiah*  
Systema Solar, *Rumbo A Tierra*  
The xx, *I See You*

### JAN. 20

AFI, *AFI (The Blood Album)*  
Austra, *Future Politics*  
Ronnie Baker Brooks, *Times Have Changed*  
Nathan East, *Reverence*  
Grateful Dead, *Grateful Dead (50th Anniversary Deluxe Edition)* (Also on Vinyl)  
Jean-Michael Jarre, *Oxygene Trilogy* (Also on Vinyl)  
Curtis Stigers with the Danish Radio Big Band, *One More for the Road*  
Wyldlife, *Out on Your Block*  
2017 Grammy Nominees

Sources: [pauseandplay.com](http://pauseandplay.com), [allmusic.com](http://allmusic.com)



# Tim Morinelli on Karaoke



Outsung again... karaoke host Tim Morinelli (left) yields the spotlight at AJ's on the Bayou in Fort Walton Beach.

Photo by Chris Manson.

The idea of karaoke is to bring John and Jane Doe into the spotlight. It's so many descriptive words—party... scary... horrible... incredible... OK... emotional... but mostly fun.

Being a professional singer, I think I can say this about karaoke—it's

a blast. But just like Mariah's New Year's Eve gig, there are divas, too.


Tim Morinelli hosts karaoke Tuesday and Wednesday nights at AJ's on the Bayou and AJ's Oyster Shanty, respectively. He and wife Rusty won the Best Duo honors at the 2016 Beachcomber Music Awards.



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## Live Music

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### THURSDAY, JAN. 12

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**CAMILLE'S, Destin**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

**CUVEE DESTIN, Destin**  
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

**DUCK DUCK, Destin**  
DJ/VJ DOC ROC

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

**IP CASINO RESORT SPA, Biloxi, MS**  
RAY STEVENS, 8 p.m. (\$35 and up)

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

**PARADISE INN, Gulf Breeze**  
DAVE JORDAN

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,**  
**850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
FORREST WILLIAMS, 7-9 p.m.

**WIND CREEK CASINO, Atmore, AL**  
MICKEY UTLEY BAND

### FRIDAY, JAN. 13

**BEAU RIVAGE THEATRE, Biloxi, MS**  
LEANN RIMES, 8 p.m. (\$39.95 and up)

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY

**CUVEE DESTIN, Destin**  
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

**DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso**  
BT TURNER, 7 p.m.

**DUCK DUCK, Destin**  
DJ/VJ DOC ROC

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,**  
**850-244-6666**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.  
CADILLAC WILLY, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**HUB STACEY'S, Pensacola**  
5:50 EXPRESS

**LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach**  
HERITAGE

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
JAMES "SUNNY JIM" WHITE, 5 p.m.

**MODICA MARKET, Seaside,**  
[www.modicamarket.com](http://www.modicamarket.com)  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,**  
**850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

**THE TIPSYPIG, Fort Walton Beach**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
VELCRO PYGMIES

**WIND CREEK CASINO, Atmore, AL**  
MICKEY UTLEY BAND

### SATURDAY, JAN. 14

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

**CUVEE DESTIN, Destin**  
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
GYPSYELISE AND THE ROYAL BLUES

**THE HANDLEBAR, Pensacola**  
BIG LO

**LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,**  
**850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.



# Live Music

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

**WIND CREEK CASINO, Atmore, AL**  
MICKEY UTLEY BAND

**WORLD OF BEER, Destin**  
HERITAGE

## SUNDAY, JAN. 15

**AJ’S, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

**THE BLOCK, Fort Walton Beach**  
CONTINUUM – FILMORE DRIVE – HOPE GIVEN  
– AUSTIN JENNINGS – OKALOOSA SOUND –  
PARACOSM – SHENANIGANS – SOMETHING TO  
YIELD – JAY WERNE AND FRIENDS – THE WIDE  
OPEN  
*Rock for a Cure*

**BOSHAMPS, Destin**  
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

**CAMILLE’S, Destin**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin,**  
[HarborWalkDestin.com](http://HarborWalkDestin.com)  
FLASH FLOOD, 2-4 p.m.  
*Winter Guest Concert Series*

**LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.  
*Sunday Funday*

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

**THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin**  
SCOTT ROCKWOOD – SHAWN HARTUNG –  
ROBERTO PADRON, 1-3 p.m.  
*FREE Winter Concert Series*

**McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
HOPE GIVEN, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
*The 2016 Beachcomber Music Award winner for  
Best Female Vocalist (among other things).*

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,**  
**850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD”  
JACKSON, 11 a.m.

**TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BILL GARRETT – “SMILIN” FRITZ FROESCHNER,  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## MONDAY, JAN. 16

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
RYAN STROUD, 5-9 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
THE MACHINE

## TUESDAY, JAN. 17

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin,**  
[www.hogsbreath.com/destin](http://www.hogsbreath.com/destin)  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
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**NEW EARTH ARMY**  
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# Jess Heit on Continuum Live Show #800



Continuum’s Jess Heit laughs her way into 2017 with her Beachcomber Music Award winning bandmates.

**I cannot believe** that we have almost reached our 800th show. That is unreal. January 2017 marks the beginning of our fifth year as a band.

Wow. We have done so many incredible things during that time. My top three favorite adventures include the cross-country trip to Colorado, the wedding we played in Cozumel, and performing at the Hangout Music Festival. Thinking back to all of those memories, I am so grateful. We are so blessed to be able to do what we love and share it with others as our job.

I moved from Michigan to Florida in 2009. When I got here, one of my goals was to be a full-time musician. I remember walking around parts of Pensacola and Destin to different music venues and thinking, *I would love to play music here one day.*

Fast forward a few years, and I realize that we played all of those stages. It didn’t happen overnight—and it took a lot of hard work to get there—but it happened.

I’ve been thinking a lot lately about positivity and direction in life.

Thankfully, I am surrounded by a group of like-minded individuals who all have a very similar (if not the same) vision. It is one of the things that bring us together as a band. We motivate and strengthen each other daily because we know where we want to go and have set high expectations of getting there.

Traveling and performing across the country have been two of our goals and have been achieved many times already. The next step is playing at bigger venues that support all-original shows. Moving away from the “cover band” status and into our own sound completely is our next focus.

Our 800th show is a testament to what we can accomplish by setting our sights high and not giving up. 2017 is bringing in even more challenges for us to overcome, and we are ready.

*Jess Heit is the 2016 Beachcomber Music Award winner for Best Instrumentalist. Continuum performs at the 30A Songwriters Festival Jan. 13-15. This article originally appeared on Heit’s Continuum blog and is used with permission of the author.*



# Jazz Musicians Otto and Flynn at Seaside's 45 Central



Jazzbos Matt Otto and William Flynn.



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**As part of** the 2017 Escape to Create Program, musicians, artists and writers are invited to Seaside for a residency while exploring the beauty of South Walton, making lasting friendships and fine-tuning their crafts.

Seaside homeowners and businesses open their doors to the artists to provide a place for them to live and share their talents with the public. On **Jan. 19 and 29**, from 4 to 6 p.m., 45 Central Wine bar welcomes saxophonist **Matt Otto** and jazz guitarist **William Flynn**. Chef Jim Shirley and his staff invite everyone (21 and older) to come listen and enjoy. The concerts are FREE.

Composer, saxophonist and bandleader Otto is Assistant Director of Jazz Studies at Kansas University and Adjunct Professor at Rutgers, New Brunswick. A Los Angeles native, Otto is co-founder of the esteemed L.A. Jazz Collective, an ongoing outreach program advancing young jazz composers and performers.

Otto has performed internationally with a variety of leading jazz artists, including Grammy-nominated Anthony Wilson Nonet and the Alan Ferber Big Band. His jazz quartet

performs regularly in Kansas City and is attributed with elevating the level of jazz through Otto's compositions and solos imbued with grace and serenity. While in Seaside, he will perform a public concert and offer a master class in jazz performance for area students.

Jazz guitarist, composer and educator Flynn is Assistant Professor of Jazz Guitar at Wichita State University in Kansas. He is considered one of the region's most important and creative new voices currently working in the genre. Flynn has performed with numerous jazz luminaries, including the Grammy-nominated One O'Clock Lab Band.

While in Seaside, he will complete a second collection of modern jazz arrangements for his multi-volume *The Songbook Project*. His critically praised arrangements, influenced heavily by pop music of '90s and 2000s, are dedicated to introducing a new generation to the world of jazz. Flynn will also perform on guitar and conduct a jazz improvisation clinic for middle school students.

For more info, visit **escapetocreate.org**.

- Jill Tanner

## Live Music

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE,**  
**Okaloosa Island**  
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND**  
**COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
FAYUCA

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-11 p.m.

**CLUB LA, Destin**  
JAMEY JOHNSON – CHRIS HENNESSEE

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk**  
**Village, CrabIslandCantina.com**  
BT TURNER, 4 p.m.

**CUVEE DESTIN, Destin**  
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,**  
**850-244-6666**  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL,**  
**Fort Walton Beach**  
Wailin' Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA,  
8 p.m.

**HELEN BACK AGAIN, Niceville**  
DJ DFUNK

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin,**  
[www.hogsbreath.com/destin](http://www.hogsbreath.com/destin)  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
JUSTIN YAWN, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,**  
**850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa**  
**Beach**  
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by  
CHRISTIAN MAYES

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND**  
**COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 19

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY,**  
**Okaloosa Island**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**CAMILLE'S, Destin**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

**CLUB LA, Destin**  
BADFLOWER – RED SUN RISING

**CUVEE DESTIN, Destin**  
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

**DUCK DUCK, Destin**  
DJ/VJ DOC ROC

**45 CENTRAL, Seaside**  
MATT OTTO & WILLIAM FLYNN, 4-6 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

**LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.  
*Ladies Night*

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,**  
**850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa**  
**Beach**  
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**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola**  
WHYTE CAPS

### FRIDAY, JAN. 20

**BEAU RIVAGE THEATRE, Biloxi, MS**  
ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK, 8 p.m. (\$29.95  
and up)  
*It's Humpy's 50th Anniversary Tour. Holy shit.*

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY

**CLUB LA, Destin**  
RUMOURS ATL  
*Fleetwood Mac tribute band.*

**CUVEE DESTIN, Destin**  
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

**DESTINY WORSHIP CENTER,**  
**Miramar Beach**  
SINFONIA GULF COAST with JENNIFER KOH,  
7:30 p.m. (\$29.50 and up)  
*Purchase tickets at [SinfoniaGulfCoast.org](http://SinfoniaGulfCoast.org) or  
phone 850-460-8800.*

**DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso**  
BT TURNER, 7 p.m.

**DUCK DUCK, Destin**  
DJ/VJ DOC ROC

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,**  
**850-244-6666**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.



Live Music

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HUNGRYTOWN

HOG’S BREATH, Destin,  
www.hogsbreath.com/destin  
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.  
RUST AND GOLD (Neil Young Tribute),  
9 p.m.-1 a.m.

IP CASINO RESORT SPA, Biloxi, MS  
NEIL SEDAKA, 8 p.m. (\$49 and up)

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,  
lulubuffett.com/destin  
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside,  
www.modicamarket.com  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,  
www.RuthChrisDestin.com  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,  
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com  
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,  
www.SeagarsDestin.com  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola  
WHYTE CAPS

TAILFINS, Destin  
HERITAGE

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND  
COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,  
www.30asongwriterradio.com  
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

BRIC A BRAC, Destin  
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin  
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

FIRST CITY ARTS CENTER, Pensacola  
POST PLUTO

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL,  
Fort Walton Beach  
OCEAN DISCO

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,  
lulubuffett.com/destin  
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE,  
Seagrove Beach  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION,  
Santa Rosa Beach  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

ROBERT SIKES PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
Crestview  
HUNGRYTOWN

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,  
www.RuthChrisDestin.com  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,  
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com  
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SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,  
www.SeagarsDestin.com  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola  
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TAILFINS, Destin  
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SUNDAY, JAN. 22

AJ’S, Destin  
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach  
BT TURNER, 4 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL,  
Fort Walton Beach  
THE VAN ALLEN BELT

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin,  
HarborWalkDestin.com  
JACOB MOHR BAND, 2-4 p.m.  
Winter Guest Concert Series

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.  
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,  
lulubuffett.com/destin  
JIMMY LUMPKIN & THE REVIVAL, 5 p.m.

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin  
DAVID SEERING, 1-3 p.m.  
FREE Winter Concert Series

MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin  
HOPE GIVEN, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH, Baker  
FEW

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,  
850-231-1008  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach  
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD”  
JACKSON, 11 a.m.

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach  
BILL GARRETT – “SMILIN” FRITZ FROESCHNER,  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola  
VOO DAVIS ROOTS & BLUES

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola  
JO MERSA MARLEY – WESTAFA – WASH  
HOUSE TING TOUR

MONDAY, JAN. 23

HOG’S BREATH, Destin  
JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,  
lulubuffett.com/destin  
JIMMY LUMPKIN & THE REVIVAL, 5 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola  
VOO DAVIS ROOTS & BLUES

Chas Sanford’s  
Biggest Songwriting  
Influences



1. The Beatles.

2. Bob Dylan.

3. Elvis Costello.

4. Eagles.

5. Joni Mitchell.
- missed a year yet. He’s been in the music business “longer than I care to admit,” playing on his first professional recording session at age 15 with Ike & Tina Turner and Delaney & Bonnie.

He’s been playing, producing and writing non-stop since then. Sanford produced Kickstand Jenny’s 2016 album and is current working with Florida’s Lawless Hearts and Nashville’s Spechlis. A third Chas Sanford solo album—Life Is What You Think It Is—is set to be released later this year.


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# Behind the Song – “It’s Been All Over Before”

**I honestly have** no memory of writing this song. None at all. That happens occasionally. It used to happen because I wrote the thing blown out of my tiny little mind, these days I think it’s more just because my brain is ash held in place by my skull.

The song is about how there’s multiple times in our lives when “it’s all over.” You break up with this girl, it’s all over. You lose that job, it’s all over. You miss opportunities because you’d rather be drinking, it’s all over. And then one day you discover, hmmm, it’s been all over before, hasn’t it, and it’ll be all over again someday; and in the meantime, life always rebuilds itself. Just because your life is all over today doesn’t mean some great opportunity is not going to come your way tomorrow. As I read in a Dale

Carnegie book once, each day is a new day to a wise man.

I probably shouldn’t be saying this but the tune is a complete ripoff of Dylan’s “Up to Me” (which is also a better song, damn him). I figure, what the hell; he’s ripped off plenty of people. Like he’s ever going to find out anyway. He’s certainly never raised a stink before whenever I copped him, and I have. Maybe that’s why I like playing it so much; I already liked it before I wrote it.

- Tommy Womack

*Tommy Womack returns to the 30A Songwriters Festival Jan. 13-15, thank Jesus. His most recent album is 2016’s great Namaste, a copy of which you should own and love by now.*



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## Live Music

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
MIKE DOUGHTY – WHEATUS

### TUESDAY, JAN. 24

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin,**  
[www.hogsbreath.com/destin](http://www.hogsbreath.com/destin)  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
PAUL ROUSH, 5 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE,**  
Okaloosa Island  
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
BIG JESUS – 10 YEARS

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

**AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-11 p.m.

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, CrabIslandCantina.com**  
BT TURNER, 4 p.m.

**CUVEE DESTIN, Destin**  
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

**THE FISH HOUSE, Pensacola**  
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

**FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,**  
850-244-6666  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
Wailin’ Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA, 8 p.m.

**HELEN BACK AGAIN, Niceville**  
DJ DFUNK

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin,**  
[www.hogsbreath.com/destin](http://www.hogsbreath.com/destin)  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 p.m.  
“The Delta’s Rockin’ Countryboy”

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,**  
850-231-1008  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by CHRISTIAN MAYES

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
ALL FLOWS REACH OUT – BIG LO – R.A. THE RUGGED MAN

## CROSBY STILLS NASH & YOUNG TRIBUTE

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7PM



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Songwriter Radio

30A Songwriter Radio is honoring Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young with local musicians performing their favorite songs by these legends! Call Ed Wrann 850-585-1010 if you would like to perform during this tribute.



# Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/web sites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Jan. 26-Feb. 8, 2017 events by noon Friday, **Jan. 20**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).

## THURSDAY, JAN. 12- FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 2017

### BAYTOWNE ON ICE

*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin*  
**baytownewharf.com**  
Skate on, Beachcomberland!

## THURSDAY, JAN. 12

### DINNER AND A MOVIE

*Imogene Theatre, Milton, 6:30 p.m.*  
**theimogenetheatre.com**

Only a buck to come watch the celebrated sports flick *Rudy*. Dinner options will be available, along with popcorn and drinks.

### INTRODUCTION TO ESSENTIAL OILS FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

*3 Dogs and a Chick, Fort Walton Beach, 6 p.m.*

### SOLE SISTER KICKOFF LUNCH FOR SINFONIA'S WINE WOMEN & SHOES

*Bijoux Destin, The Market Shops, Sandestin, 11:30 a.m.*

**SinfoniaGulfCoast.org**

This preview party features a gourmet wine luncheon prepared by executive chef **Jack McGuckin** paired with elegant wines, followed by an exciting fashion preview of trending women's apparel, accessories and (of course) shoes. Plus door prizes, raffles and more. Tickets are \$75. Call 850-460-8800 for tickets.

### ZUMBA WITH ERICA

*Work It Out, Crestview, 6:15 p.m.*  
Classes are five bucks a pop, or get a \$45 punch card good for 11.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 13

### "DESTIN PIONEER SETTLERS: A LAND HISTORY OF DESTIN FROM 1819 TO 1940"

*Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida*  
*Valparaiso, Noon*

850-678-2615

FREE lunchtime lecture with ubiquitous historian **Hank Klein**. Seating is limited, so call the number above to reserve a spot.

### EISENHOWER DANCE – "IN POWER & PASSION"

*Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 7:30 p.m.*  
**MattieKellyArtsCenter.org**  
Detroit's celebrated contemporary dance company. Tickets are \$25.

### SYNERGY HEALTHY LIVING SERIES

*Synergy Organic Juice Bar and Café, Fort Walton Beach, 6-8 p.m.*  
Call 850-243-7492 or 850-865-4919 to register.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 14

### SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

*Seaside, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Behind Raw & Juicy*  
**www.seasidefl.com**

Fresh produce, baked goods, dairy products, native plants and other unique offerings.

## MONDAY, JAN. 16

### PAJAMA WINE TASTING

*Twisted Grape Wine Bar, Shalimar, 6-8 p.m.*  
Kick back in your jammies, sip and relax for just seven bucks.

### TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER

*Destin Library, 9 a.m.*  
**taichiforarthrititis.com**  
Cost per session is five bucks. Enrollment is limited to 12 participants per class. Call 850-837-8572 to register.

### WINE & CHEESE 101

*Whole Foods Market, Destin, 6:30-8 p.m.*  
Sample, sip and learn with Whole Foods smart guy **Aaron Dallas**.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 17

### BEGINNERS YOGA SERIES

*Sunshine Yoga, Destin, 6 p.m.*

**SunshineYogaStudio.com**

A four-week series (Tuesdays and Fridays) with **Missy Hickman**.

### INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES – MIMI LEDER'S "PAY IT FORWARD"

*Destin Library, 3 p.m.*

FREE screening sponsored by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

### WEEKLY CONTRA DANCE

*Sand Spurs Dance Club, Fort Walton Beach, 7:15-9:15 p.m.*

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

### MAXIMUM MAGIC DINNER THEATER

*Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island, 5:45 p.m.*  
**Fudpucker.com**

Join **Noah Wells** for mind-blowing illusions, hilarious comedy, unbelievable mentalism and more in this fast-paced, family-friendly show.

### "PRIME TIME" WINTER COMMUNITY PROGRAM

*Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.*

Local historian **Hank Klein's** Civil War presentation covers the Walton Guards and their commander, William McPherson.

### TRIVIA!

*World of Beer, Destin Commons, 7-10 p.m.*  
Compete for gift cards in \$20, \$30 and \$50 increments.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 19

### MARDI GRAS BIKE NIGHT

*Emerald Coast Harley-Davidson, Fort Walton Beach, 6-9 p.m.*

Live music, jambalaya and gumbo... let the good times roll!

### SNOWBIRD STROLL

*Gulf Place, Santa Rosa Beach, 4-6 p.m.*  
Purchase a \$20 wristband and enjoy live music, a complimentary commemorative glass, wine, hors d'oeuvres and giveaways.

### STONE SOUP POETRY JAM

*LJ Schooners, Niceville, 7-9 p.m.*

## FRIDAY, JAN. 20

### INTRODUCTION TO ESSENTIAL OILS AND ESSENTIAL OIL BINGO

*Navarre Living Yoga, Navarre, 7-8:30 p.m.*

Just what is it with essential oils, anyway? Find out at this fun and informative event.



**Attikus, a recent Alaqua Animal Refuge Pet of the Week. Meet your new best friend every Friday at [beachcomberdestin.com](http://beachcomberdestin.com).**

*Photo submitted by Natalie Davis.*



**Congrats to sandcastle competition winners Rebecca and Brooke Criner. From the recent Noon Year's Eve event at Lucy Buffett's LuLu's in Destin.**

*Photo by Kay Phelan.*

# Family-Friendly Events

## THURSDAY, JAN. 12

**Kids Eat FREE**, various locations, Walton and Okaloosa counties. More at **EmeraldCoastKids.org**.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 13

**Magic Show with Pittman Productions**, Imogene Theatre, Milton, 7-9 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 14

**Seaside Farmer's Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**seasidefl.com**.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 15

**FREE Winter Concert Series** at the Market Shops, Sandestin, 1-3 p.m. More info in this issue's Live Music listings.

## MONDAY, JAN. 16

**Ice Skating at the Village of Baytowne Wharf**, Sandestin, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
**BaytowneWharf.com**.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 17

**Family Bingo Night** at Chick-Fil-A, Niceville, 5-6:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

**Kids Eat FREE**, various locations, Walton and Okaloosa counties. More at **EmeraldCoastKids.org**.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 19

**Lapsit Storytime at Niceville Public Library**, 9:30 a.m.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 20

**Destin Desserts Girl Scouts Fundraiser** at the Palms of Destin, 6-9 p.m. More info in this issue's Food + Beverage section.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 21

**Theatre for Young Audiences Tryouts at Emerald Coast Theatre Company**, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9-10 a.m.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 22

**Farmers Market at Rosemary Beach**, 9 a.m.

## MONDAY, JAN. 23

**Ice Skating at the Village of Baytowne Wharf**, Sandestin, 4-9 p.m.  
**BaytowneWharf.com**.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 24

**Pajama Party** at Chick-Fil-A, Miramar Beach, 5-7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

**Wild Kratts Live at Marina Civic Center**, Panama City, 7 p.m.

*- Kellyanne Bartleson,*  
**EmeraldCoastKids.org**



Events

**SIGN PAINTING WORKSHOP**  
*DeFrance Indoor Flea Market, Fort Walton Beach, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*  
**DeFranceAntiques.com**  
Cost is \$50—registration required. Call 850-314-7500 or stop in.

**WINTER GUEST FEST**  
*Emerald Coast Convention Center, 8 a.m.-Noon*  
**FWBChamber.com**  
Admission is two bucks. Snowbirds are invited to check out vendors representing dining, resorts, shopping, hotels, entertainment and more. For more info, phone 850-244-1931.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 21**  
**AN EVENING WITH JASON ALEXANDER**  
*Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 7:30 p.m.*  
**MattieKellyArtsCenter.org**  
The celebrated star of Broadway and TV's *Seinfeld* joins the **Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra** for a very special 20th anniversary event. Tickets are \$65—available online, or phone 850-729-6000.

**AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH PSYCHIC MEDIUM ERICKA BOUSSARHANE**  
*Imogene Theatre, Milton, 6:30-9 p.m.*  
**theimogenetheatre.com**  
As seen on TV. Tickets are 20 bucks.

**MARDI GRAS PARADE**  
*Okaloosa Island, 1 p.m.*  
**FWBChamber.com**  
A family-friendly celebration, with beads, colorful floats and just the right amount of New Orleans authenticity courtesy of sponsor Abita Brewing Company. The parade begins on Tarpon Drive and winds down Santa Rosa Blvd.

**SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET**  
*Seaside, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Behind Raw & Juicy*  
**www.seasidefl.com**  
Fresh produce, baked goods, dairy products, native plants and other unique offerings.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 22, 2017**  
**OKALOOSA ARTS ALLIANCE WINE TASTING**  
*Twisted Grape Wine Bar, Shalimar, 2-4 p.m.*  
**Okaloosaarts.org**  
Enjoy food, wine, live entertainment and more. Email **amybaty1@gmail.com** for more info.

**MONDAY, JAN. 23, 2017**  
**RELAY FOR LIFE NICEVILLE-VALPARAISO TEAM PARTY AND CHILI COOK-OFF**  
*Niceville Community Center, 6-7 p.m.*  
A night of great food and FUNdraising.

**TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER**  
*Destin Library, 9 a.m.*  
**taichiforarthritits.com**  
Cost per session is five bucks. Enrollment is limited to 12 participants per class. Call 850-837-8572 to register.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 24, 2017**  
**FURNITURE PAINTING WORKSHOP**  
*DeFrance Indoor Flea Market, Fort Walton Beach, 6:30 p.m.*  
Cost is \$75 and includes all materials needed to complete your masterpiece. Call 850-314-7500 or stop in to register.

**GUIDED MEDITATION WITH A TWIST**  
*Imogene Theatre, Milton, 6-7:30 p.m.*  
**theimogenetheatre.com**  
Bring a Yoga mat and 10 bucks if you're drinking.

**LEARN TO CROSS STITCH WITH JOAN CARPENTER**  
*Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.-Noon*  
**youseemore.com/walton**  
FREE class with a 20-year cross-stitch veteran. Bring your own supplies or use theirs. Call Linda at 850-267-2809 for more info.

**PAINTING & WINE**  
*Twisted Grape Wine Bar, Shalimar, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

**"PIPPIN" NATIONAL TOUR**  
*Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 7:30 p.m.*  
**MattieKellyArtsCenter.org**  
This circus-inspired production features a dazzling troupe of acrobats.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
*Whole Foods Market, Destin, 7-9 p.m.*  
Your shot at a \$25 gift card and/or FREE pizza.

**WEEKLY CONTRA DANCE**  
*Sand Spurs Dance Club, Fort Walton Beach, 7:15-9:15 p.m.*

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25, 2017**  
**COED SPRING SOFTBALL CAPTAINS MEETING**  
*City of Destin Parks and Recreation Department, 6-8 p.m.*  
The season begins **Feb. 15**, which will be here before you know it.

**ESCAPE TO CREATE PRESENTS "RADIO RIDICULOUS"**  
*The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30-9 p.m.*  
**lovetherep.com**  
**Rich Orloff** returns to 30A with this homage to the Golden Age of Radio.

**JANUARY BEER AND FOOD PAIRING**  
*Props Brewery & Grill, Fort Walton Beach, 7-9 p.m.*  
Event-exclusive craft beers, giveaways and more.

**MONTHLY WINE TASTING**  
*Brotula's Seafood House & Steamer, Destin,*

*5:30-7 p.m.*  
**brotulas.com**

**"PRIME TIME" WINTER COMMUNITY PROGRAM**  
*Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.*  
**Chick Huettel** discusses the history of the Walton County Sheriff's Posse, complete with violence, quick justice, cattle rustling, bootlegging and other fun stuff.

**PUBLIC COFFEE CUPPING**  
*Amavida Coffee & Tea, Seacrest, 3-4 p.m.*  
Geek out on coffee with Amavida's Director of Coffee **Martin Trejo**. For more info, email **Outreach@Amavida.com**.

**TRIVIA!**  
*World of Beer, Destin Commons, 7-10 p.m.*  
Compete for gift cards in \$20, \$30 and \$50 increments.

Beachside Worship Services

**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA** 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service 2nd and 4th Sundays, morning prayer, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

**DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER** Contemporary service, 9 a.m. Traditional and youth services at 11 a.m. Weekend beachside services begin at 7:30 a.m. at Henderson Beach State Park Memorial Day weekend. 200 Beach Drive, Destin. 850-837-2021.

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN** Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE** Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

**GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason

Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org**.

**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH** Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

**SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

**SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH** Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org**.

**SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH** Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

**SHORELINE CHURCH** Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or **www.shorelinechurch.net**.

**ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

**ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH** Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

**ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

**VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.



Members of the Northwest Florida Ballet deliver a truckload of food and other much-needed items for the kids living in the Children in Crisis Neighborhood.  
*Photo submitted by Ken Hair, CIC President and CEO.*



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**DUNE ALLEN** In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

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**MARIER MEMORIAL PARK** Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

**MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS** Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Rd, adjacent to Pompano Joe’s.

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# Fly-Fishing in the Great State of Wyoming

*By Jenna Taylor  
Photos by Hunter Forbes*

**The thought of** traveling cross-country can either bring about pure enthusiasm or utter disinterest. With wanderlust as my middle name, my first reaction is fairly easy to guess.

When Hunter asked if I would fly to Bozeman, Montana and drive back to Destin with him following his elk hunt, I barely hesitated. To get the chance to drive through some of the most gorgeous states in this country? Count me in.

If you type it in to Google Maps, you'll get directions for a 32-hour trip. Thankfully we decided to make a few stops along the way. We had planned to drive from Montana through Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia (to drop off the truck), Alabama and finally Florida. We took this as an excellent opportunity to do what we had talked about for so long—fly fish out west!

Shortly after flying into Bozeman midday last November, Hunter picked me up and we made a pit stop at a local barbecue spot before heading to our first afternoon

of DIY fly fishing. Our good friend Scott graciously let us borrow his rods, flies and a little insight into fly-fishing out west. He has been a fishing guide for years all across the country, even Mexico and Alaska.

Our first day fishing was short, but long filled with memories and mess-ups. The sun went down and we packed our bags, threw our waders in the back, heading south for the night.

We woke up the next day in Wyoming. Eager to head to the very spot where our



dear friend Scott insisted we fish, we packed our bags and started there. We arrived in the tiny town, stopped at a local fly shop and bought a few necessities—our fishing license, snacks and a few flies. A 20-minute drive and we had arrived.

The scenery was captivating. The canyon we hiked down into allowed you to look up and view the grand beauty surrounding it. Shortly after reaching the bottom of the canyon, we sat down, got our rods out and got to work.

The hike upstream was nothing short of delightful. We cast everything that day—streamers, eggs, nymphs, trees and brush from behind me...just about everything. I learned that day that fly-fishing is so particularly detailed, much more than I had previously thought. I finally understood the obsession, the thrill and the lifestyle that many choose to live.

At this point, Hunter and I began looking for a permanent home in Wyoming. Not really, but we sure didn't want to leave. After doing some research, Hunter found a guide service along the way and we planned a trip the next day at the Miracle Mile.

Very few places conjure up better images than the Miracle Mile, a section of the North Platte River. Just uttering those words fuels the imagination, especially an individual with a rod in one hand and a fly in the other. We drove to meet the guide, and after driving 40 minutes on a dirt road in the middle of nowhere, we had arrived.

The Miracle Mile lived up to its name. The scenery is excellent, and the trout are epic. Our guide was phenomenal—he not only paddled us up and downstream but also switched up our weights, changed flies and told us exactly what we needed to know in order to land these tricky fish. An unforgettable day filled with lifelong memories.

You can find Hunter and me already planning our trip back to the great state of Wyoming.





# Going for “The One” — Author Russ Underwood

Local author **Russ Underwood** recently self-published his first romance novel, *The One*. “My background, until about a year ago, was confined to the business world,” he says. “I graduated college with a degree in accounting and spent the first 45 years of my professional career in business.”

About a year and a half ago, Underwood’s wife Mary encouraged him to write a book. “I had written several poems, Christmas cards and letters for her, and she really felt I had a gift and should write a romance book,” says Russ. The result is *The One*, and an excerpt appears here by permission of the author.

You can pick up a copy of *The One* at Sundog Books in Seaside, and online at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [blurb.com](http://blurb.com).

As Ethan enjoyed his wine and was observing all the people on the busy street, suddenly his attention was drawn to his left. There, gliding down the hill, was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. She was average height and had a perfectly curved body and the face of a goddess, which he could not look away from. Ethan was immediately in a trance.

He’d seen many beautiful women in his day, especially since his divorce, but none ever held his attention. This woman captivated him. Her long, flowing dark brown hair gently bounced up and down from her graceful gait in the black high heels she was floating down the sidewalk in. Her stride was smooth and elegant with each passing step. He could even pick up the clicking sound of her heels as they struck the pavers.

The black cocktail dress the woman wore molded to her perfect figure and subtly revealed every curve of her sexy body. The dress gently danced around her frame with each fluid stride. Her light tan complexion, completely without wrinkles, appeared so soft and supple. Ethan could also see her rich, full lips even from a distance, with light red lipstick inviting him to come kiss her, he thought. Then there were those eyes, those gorgeous, deep brown eyes. Even from fifteen yards across the street he couldn’t miss them. They were mesmerizing and so trusting. She was an angel from heaven, he decided.



“I must be seeing things,” Ethan stuttered quietly to himself, still unable to look away from her. This was the most alluring woman he’d ever seen, and he couldn’t take his eyes off her. Had she been watching him, she would no doubt have run for her life, fearing he must be a stalker to stare her down like that, Ethan thought, yet he couldn’t stop gazing at her.

As she made her way down the street and was almost directly across from Ethan, she glanced up and looked across the narrow thoroughfare directly at him. For a moment Ethan lost his breath, and his heart seemed to stop. She instantly had a power over him just by looking at him, then just as quickly, she turned back to gaze in front of her and continued her glide down the street. In an instant, she was gone.

After a minute or two had passed, Ethan came out of his trance, but was left feeling like a *Star Trek* alien that Mr. Spock had performed a mind meld on. His brain was mush, and all he could think about was her. After a few more minutes of dreaming about her and replaying what he saw, he slowly began to regain his mind and emotions. Even though he’d never met her, she somehow seemed familiar to Ethan.

# Award-Winning Author Blakeslee at SoWal Library Jan. 17

Walton County Coastal Library hosts Escape to Create Writer in Residence **Vanessa Blakeslee Jan. 17** at 10 a.m.

Blakeslee’s short story collection *Train Shots* won the 2014 IPPY Gold Medal in short fiction and is long-listed for the 2014 Frank O’Connor International Short Story Award. *Train Shots* has also been optioned for feature film development.

*Juventud*, Blakeslee’s debut novel, was awarded the 2015 IPPY Bronze Medal in fiction, was finalist for the 2015 INDIEFAB Book of the Year award and long-listed for the SIBA Award/Pat Conroy Southern Book Prize.

The author will share a reading and conversation with coffee and light refreshments served. For more info, call 850-267-2809. The library is located at 437 Greenway Trail in Santa Rosa Beach.

- Linda Thompson

## Recommended Reading

## Marcelo Copello

*Wine & Something Else*

MC Wine Books Copello is a Brazilian wine writer and reportedly “most influential” in his country and its wine industry. *Wine & Something Else* is an illustrated collection of 31 wine-related essays, translated into English by Joao Ayres. If whiskey inspires country and blues



music, wine surely inspires philosophy. Or, in this case, free association. Some essays are straightforward (“Wine & Cheese,” “Wine & Aroma”); others wander off into the tall grass (“Wine & Cockroaches,” “Wine & Dogs”). Copello’s tone is amiable and non-condescending, but some points he tries to make appear to get lost in translation. Above all, he wants to make wine accessible. He succeeds, mostly.

- Bruce Collier

## UPCOMING BOOKS

### JAN. 17

Andrea Butje, *The Heart of Aromatherapy: An Easy-to-Use Guide for Essential Oils* (Paperback)  
Kelsey Crowe and Emily McDowell, *There Is No Good Card for This: What to Say and Do When Life Is Scary, Awful, and Unfair to People You Love*  
Karen Marie Moning, *Feversong: A Fever Novel*  
James Patterson and Candice Fox, *Never Never*  
Lyn-Genet Recitas, *The Metabolism Plan: Discover the Foods and Exercises That Work for Your Body to Reduce Inflammation and Drop Pounds Fast*  
Veronica Roth, *Carve the Mark*  
Meik Wiking, *The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living*

### JAN. 24

Sally Clarkson and Nathan Clarkson, *Different: The Story of an Outside-the-Box Kid and the Mom Who Loved Him* (Paperback)  
Terry Goodkind, *Death’s Mistress: Sister of Darkness—The Nicci Chronicles, Volume 1*  
Laurie Hernandez, *I Got This: To Gold and Beyond*  
Jane Mayer, *Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right* (Paperback)  
Roger Stone, *The Making of the President 2016: How Donald Trump Orchestrated a Revolution*  
Edward O. Thorp, *A Man for All Markets: From Las Vegas to Wall Street, How I Beat the Dealer and the Market*  
Ashlee Vance, *Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future* (Paperback)

Sources: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)



# The Best Movies of 2016

By David C. Simmons

**1. *Moonlight*** (Directed by Barry Jenkins). *Moonlight* is immersive cinema. You're not merely watching; you're living it. Director Jenkins achieves this, in part, by placing the camera (and the spectator) right in front of characters as they speak directly ahead, with no place to hide from the crushing void of reality. *Moonlight* is a coming-of-age story about Chiron Black, who lives in the projects of Miami with a drug-addicted single mother (Naomi Harris), who cares more about her next fix than her little son. Meanwhile, Chiron is realizing that he is attracted to other males, but has no system or ideology that can help him process this in a healthy, self-actualizing way.

We see Chiron played by three different, but engaging, actors in three different time periods—when Chiron is 10 (played by Alex R. Hibbert, when he's nicknamed "Little"), 16 (played by Ashton Sanders, as he's called "Chiron"), and 30-something (played by Trevante Rhodes, when he's designated "Black"). Jenkins deserves the Oscar for Best Director because of his ability to get at the life of things from his cast, particularly his three young Chirons. Also powerful is Mahershala Ali, as Juan, the friendly neighborhood drug dealer who becomes Little's de facto father figure as Little is trying to understand himself in a world seemingly without love, understanding, or meaning.

**2. *La La Land*** (Directed by Damien Chazelle). *La La Land* is for lovers of movies with stunning cinematography, or musicals with soaring energy, or stories with poignant insight. Sebastian (the talented Ryan Gosling) is a jazz pianist who has hopes for starting his own club in a world that seems to have moved on from jazz. He literally runs into Mia, an actress trying to show her craft in a system where there are manifold actresses that look just like her. Yet, hope and dreams pour over this film like sunshine over Los Angeles.

Wunkerkind Chazelle (*Whiplash*) constructs a postmodern masterpiece using Cinemascope lenses to create a '50s widescreen lyric quality. *La La Land* is both an homage to, and a scrutiny of, the twin dream machines of L.A. in general and Hollywood in particular. For example, there are memorable, jaunty set pieces on the 105 during a traffic jam and at the Griffith Observatory at night (reminiscent of key moments in the Hollywood classic *Rebel without a Cause*). Pasek/Paul, the hot new musical theater songwriting team who recently composed the Broadway

hit *Dear Evan Hansen*, construct astute lyrics to Justin Hurwitz's jazzy score. The film also has what I call subjective cinematography, where lighting, colors, and camera movements echo what a character is feeling inside.

**3. *Lion*** (Directed by Garth Davis). The most moving film of the year. *Lion* is an emotional journey of self-discovery for Saroo (Dev Patel), who, as a five-year-old boy, was lost in India when he got on the wrong train. He eventually ends up on another continent, in Tasmania, where he is adopted by another family. Twenty-five years later, he uses Google Earth and his boyhood memories to figure out where he came from.

**4. *Loving*** (Directed by Jeff Nichols). Nichols, the master of bringing out quiet domestic family moments, does so again with Richard (Joel Edgerton) and Mildred (Ruth Negga) Loving, the couple whose case (*Loving v. Virginia*) went before the Supreme Court in 1967 and changed anti-miscegenation laws.

**5. *Fences*** (Directed by Denzel Washington). Denzel. Viola. Two hurricanes on the screen blowing August Wilson's stormy words from his lightning-singed Broadway play. How, in 1950s Pittsburgh, do Troy and Rose Maxon cope, while struggling to live within a system that's weighted against them? Do they build fences in their yard to keep each other safe? Or in their heart to keep each other out?

**6. *Arrival*** (Directed by Denis Villeneuve). The perfect post-election film. It helps us remember that trust, communication and working together are better than the fear, violence and bigotry that we've been taught are our go-to responses. Amy Adams, in her most compelling role yet, plays Dr. Louise Banks, a linguistics professor who is called on by the military when 12 mysterious spaceships make contact in various places on earth.

She collaborates with scientist Ian Donnelly (Jeremy Renner) to try to understand why the aliens are making contact, before the militaries of various countries decide that violence against the aliens is the best first response. This is the kind of thoughtful science fiction film, which, as an allegory for our current, dystopic state of toxic traditional masculinity, we need right now.

**7. *Where to Invade Next*** (Directed by Michael Moore). Moore travels to Europe to see which good ideas he can "steal" and bring back to the United States. In Italy, he talks to workers who get

paid maternity leave, eight weeks of paid vacation, and a "13th" monthly paycheck so they have money to spend on their vacations. In France, he visits a public school where students get a four-course meal and an hour for lunch, so they can learn about eating a balanced diet and sharing with others. In Finland, which has the best-educated students in the world, he learns that they did away with homework so students have time to be children, rather than bow down to standardized tests to win the schools more money.

In Slovenia, he discovers that universities are tuition-free, even for foreign students, including several American students who were there seeking relief their outrageous American student loans. In Germany, he finds a system where workers have a 36-hour workweek, people have universal health care, and students are taught their full history in schools so later generations won't repeat the mistakes of the past. In Portugal, he stumbles upon a police system that has decriminalized drug use and treats their people with "human dignity," causing crime rates to rapidly diminish.

In Norway, he finds a not-for-profit prison system whose goal is to rehabilitate prisoners and treat them with kindness, so they are ready to become good neighbors again once they are released. Norway's recidivism rate is only 20 percent, where the U.S.'s system of prison cruelty has a recidivism rate of 80 percent. In Tunisia, a Muslim country, he discovers a strong system of women's rights, achieved through non-violent protests. In Iceland, he finds a system that prosecuted bankers for illegal activities and recovered quickly from the economic meltdown of 2008, along with some female CEOs who explain that they enjoy living in a society with a mindset of "we" rather than "me."

In nearly all of these cases, the people interviewed explained that their countries got these ideas from the United States. We came up with these ideas, but then forgot about them. We could have them again, and have a healthier society, if we made them a priority.

**8. *Manchester by the Sea*** (Directed by Kenneth Lonergan). A master class in internal acting. As Lee (Casey Affleck) assumes guardianship of his 16-year-old nephew, Patrick (Lucas Hedges), he remains unable to process the un-processable. My favorite scene in a film this year is the interaction after Lee bumps into his ex-wife, Randi (acting

pipe-bomb Michelle Williams)—she wants to talk about the past, while he is emotionally unable to confront it.

**9. *Jackie*** (Directed by Pablo Larrain). A study in coping with shock and grief by smoldering firebrand Natalie Portman, who brings us into the stormy aftermath of JFK's assassination, completely through the eyes of his widow. Although she's a political machine (shaping her husband's legacy) on the outside, Portman reveals that, on the inside, she's also...Jackie.

**10. *Snowden*** (Directed by Oliver Stone). The film that reminds us that 1984 was really 2013. That was the year NSA official Edward Snowden (Joseph Gordon-Leavitt) discovered that U.S. government workers have the ability to listen or to watch any American or foreigner from their cell phone or computer. Stone's film starts with Snowden's heroic but dangerous meeting with documentary filmmaker Laura Poitras and journalist Glenn Greenwald and then uses flashbacks to show Snowden's moral journey to that point.

## OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

### JAN. 13

***The Bye Bye Man***. Lucien Laviscount, Doug Jones.  
***Monster Trucks***. Lucas Till, Jane Levy.  
***Patriots Day***. Mark Wahlberg, J.K. Simmons.  
***Sleepless***. Jamie Foxx, Michelle Monaghan.

### JAN. 20

***The Founder***. Michael Keaton, Nick Offerman.  
***Split***. James McAvoy, Anya Taylor-Joy. Directed by M. Night Shyamalan.  
***XXX: Return of Xander Cage***. Vin Diesel, Samuel L. Jackson.

## UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

### JAN. 17

***The Girl on the Train***. Emily Blunt, Rebecca Ferguson. Based on the bestselling novel by Paula Hawkins.  
***NYPD Blue: The Final Season***. Dennis Franz, Gordon Clapp, Henry Simmons.

### JAN. 24

***Inferno***. Tom Hanks, Felicity Jones. Directed by Ron Howard.

Source: [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com)



# Grayton Seafood Co. — Cozy up with the Locals

The down time between Christmas and New Year's presents a good opportunity to slip into restaurants you've been wanting to try. My family and I recently visited Grayton Beach for dinner at **Grayton Seafood Co.** It's a small place, located toward the back of the Uptown Grayton retail shops, off 30A. The sign is easy to spot, and the entrance is in a little side-alley.

There are two dining areas, connected by a short passage. Ceilings are high, creating a more open feeling. The walls in the front dining room are rough-finish wood; in the back, they're painted red. Shutters, curtains, painted images, pictures and nautical *objets d'art* add a warm, homey touch. They do not accept reservations or call-aheads, but if you're feeling lucky it can be a rewarding place for impulse diners, as a large group discovered the night we ate there.

My wife and our almost-six-year-old daughter Grace (the Tiny Diner) chose to eat early, hoping to get a table while the getting was good. We were seated shortly before a party of 19 arrived. The server took a moment to figure things out, and swiftly moved tables around to accommodate the multi-family gathering - kids and teenagers at one, adults at the other. They were a well-behaved bunch, and their single server did an excellent job seeing to their needs.

As for my house, we ordered drinks and studied the menu. Grayton Seafood offers Happy Hour specials of oysters on the half-shell and draft beers. I got one of the latter—an Oyster City Apalach IPA. I ate a lot of raw oysters over Christmas (I could always have eaten more) but they had fried calamari as an appetizer, and neither my wife nor the TD eat raw oysters.



Grayton Seafood's menu offers starters, oyster specialties, salads, fried, grilled or blackened seafood dinners, land and sea-based entrees, burgers, and some daily specials (crab cakes that night). They also serve lunch and a Sunday brunch.

The IPA was a welcome opening to the meal—crisp, cloudy and bittersweet. The calamari soon showed up, a pile of crunchy fried tube-and-tentacle goodness, with a chunky marinara dip. My wife and I need no coaxing with squid, and TD even tried a nibble. She still says she doesn't like it, but I think she's "evolving."

Other apps include seafood gumbo, fried or sauteed blue crab claws, New Orleans barbecue shrimp, fried green tomatoes with shrimp remoulade, bacon wrapped, crawfish and sausage-stuffed jalapenos, spinach and artichoke dip, and fried pickles.

More substantial starters (suitable for meal choices) include freshly-opened oysters served raw; chargrilled with garlic butter and parmesan; "BubbaFella," baked with collards, cornbread and bacon; barbecued with honey mustard buffalo sauce and blue cheese; and "Grayville," topped with mushroom and shrimp. There are also dinner salads.

I was tempted by a cobia special, but went with a straight fried platter—a mix of shrimp, oysters, (more) calamari, and fish. The latter was catfish, but for a small additional charge they substituted cobia. I got sides of sweet potato fries and sauteed squash. My wife got a platter of shrimp and catfish with fries and cheese grits, and TD stayed on shore with a fried chicken kids meal.

As with the appetizer, the fish and shellfish were breaded with cornmeal and came out hot and ready for demolition. I usually get cobia grilled, but it's just as good—dense, juicy and flavorful—when fried crisp. The house is generous with sides—the cheese grits are the more coarse stone-ground kind, by the way, which I like best—and we all packed up about half for home.

Other meal choices are chicken or crab claw platters, fish of the day prepared various ways, half-pound "Grayt Burgers" with custom toppings (including a fried egg), Creole shrimp and crawfish linguine alfredo, shrimp and mushroom capellini, blackened chicken penne, shrimp and grits, and a 16-ounce ribeye or eight-ounce filet mignon, both with surf and turf options.

The lunch menu offers sandwiches, po' boys and meal sized salads. Sunday

brunch offers a variety of eggs Benedict options including crab cake, beef tenderloin and green tomato, assorted omelets, French toast and a traditional bacon, egg, sausage potato and biscuit classic breakfast.

There were three desserts available that night—pecan bread pudding with whisky sauce, Kahlua cake and creme brulee. All sounded very good, but we had no room. There was another group waiting just outside, too. Next.

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# Alabama the Beertiful

By Joni Williams

**It's that time** of year again. That's right, winter. But that doesn't mean hibernate and wait for spring to have a good time, like so many locals tend to do. What do we look like, bears? Pooh on that! Less sunshine equals less traffic. And what better time of year for a day trip than when you can zip freely up and down interstates and highways and across state lines?

Which is how we wound up at the Wharf in Orange Beach, even though their next big music show isn't until Spring Break when Luke Bryan hits the stage March 21. But for heaven's sake, don't let that stop you from checking it out. Not only is it a quick and easy drive from Beachcomberland, there's tons of parking and plenty of open venues in the winter.

We weren't sure if we were there for a late lunch or early dinner. But when we moseyed into **Ginny Lane Bar & Grill**, we were absolutely sure we were famished. Oddly enough, the timing worked beautifully, as it turns out Ginny Lane's offers an extensive menu from 4 to 6 p.m. with an assortment of full scale dinners going for an unbelievable eight dollars, like the crisp-on-crispy chicken fried steak we ordered.

We splurged on a New York strip dinner, too, at 14 dollars—it was among the menu's priciest. And did we mention we

always order steak like the restaurant scene out of *When Harry Met Sally*? No, not *that* scene. The other one, where Sally describes in great detail how her food should be prepared. What can we say? We're picky about steaks because more often than not, they always arrive overcooked.

But not this time. Our strip was not only served with a perfect, pinkish red center but was perfectly seasoned and almost fork tender. Both meals were rounded out with plentiful sides, warm bread and sweet, fluffy butter. It was one of the most divine meals we've had in recent months at any price. Which is odd, considering we didn't choose Ginny Lane for their food.

That's right. We were there for the beer. They're known for offering some of the South's finest crafts like **Slap Fight**, a stellar IPA by Georgia's Monday Night Brewing, featuring a harmonized blend of pungent, tasty hops. Or Back Forty's **Freckle Belly**, almost as good but slightly more piney and bitter.

We went with **Fairhope Brewing Company's No. 51**, a deep golden pale ale that's not too piney with just enough citrus and bitters for balance. It would have been hard for us to pick a dud from a beer list that included Rocket Republic's **Vapor Trail** and Fairhope's **Judge Roy Bean Stout**. The number of Alabama brewers also offered a fresh alternative to Florida's



standard craft menus. Plus there was an assortment of fun bar drinks like a pear martini, watermelon margarita and banana colada. And with beer prices starting at four bucks and fancy drinks maxing at 10, none will drain the wallet.

The pricing is the only thing that's cheap. The service was top-notch and the interiors clean, done in an industrial theme with a mural wall, high ceilings, wood floors and comfortable, uncluttered seating. Ginny Lane keeps it interesting by hosting special events throughout the year like girls' night and specially priced holiday dinners. Natch, the most interesting to us are the beer paired dinners which we hope to catch in 2017, having just missed one on Dec. 30.

We're sure we don't have to tell you, but there's plenty to do if you make the trip to Orange Beach. It's easy on the eyes, too. Based on our highly delightful visit, even if you go just to check out Ginny Lane, the extra miles and minutes to get there will be totally worth it.



# Destin Desserts to Benefit Girl Scouts Camp Kolomoki Jan. 20

Get your sweet tooth ready for the Girl Scouts' 6th Annual Destin Desserts competition.

Seven area chefs will be competing for the prestigious 2017 Destin Desserts Champion title. Chefs from Aegean, LuLu's, Clemenza's, Jackacudas, Café Rico, the Black Pearl and Signature Catering of 30A will be presenting their own original dessert creations for guests to sample, using legendary Girl Scout cookies as the main ingredient.

Destin Desserts is set for Jan. 20, 6 p.m., at the Palms of Destin, and includes a social hour, hors d'oeuvres, dessert tasting, voting, awards, silent auction and entertainment by the Niceville High School Big Band.

Proceeds will benefit the Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle's Camp Kolomoki, a 1,600-acre site in Walton County need of repairs to reopen for the girls.

Tickets are \$40 per person if pre-purchased, and \$45 at the door. Destin Desserts tickets are available at each chef's restaurants, at all Girl Scout Service Centers, or online at **EventBrite.com**.

For further information, contact **destindesserts@gmail.com**.  
- Kay Phelan



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If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com)!

## AMERICAN

**CALLAHAN'S** A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, \$3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. [www.callahansdestin.com](http://www.callahansdestin.com). [www.facebook.com/callahansdestin](http://www.facebook.com/callahansdestin).

**CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR** Destin's first true burger bar has it all- Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. [www.CharliesBurgerBar.com](http://www.CharliesBurgerBar.com).

**HOOTERS** Wings, shrimp, burgers and more. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thu., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Happy hour Mon.-Fri., 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 15015 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, 850-654-1007. [hootersonline.com](http://hootersonline.com).

## ASIAN

**LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE** Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming a.m.sphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

## BARBEQUE

**LILLIE'S Q** Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

## BREAKFAST & MORE

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**THE BREAKFAST TABLE** Locally owned and operated. From 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. enjoy a full service breakfast of eggs your way or omelets and sides, pancakes or waffles, Eggs Benedict in various tasty styles (crab cake, salmon or Sardou), Breakfast Sundae or a Granna B's Bullseye and more. Add a Bloody Mary or Mimosa. Lunch starts at 11 and offers a variety of hot or cold deli sandwiches (Boar's Head meats and cheeses), homemade soups and daily specials. Beer and wine. Call 850-460-7322 for reservations or visit [thebreakfasttabledestin.com](http://thebreakfasttabledestin.com).

**THE DONUT HOLE** Breakfast, donuts, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. 635 U.S. 98 E, Destin, 850-837-8824.

**THE DONUT HOLE** 6745 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3239.

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**THE LOCAL MARKET** Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

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**TOMMY MATTONIE'S** Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. [www.tommymattonies.com](http://www.tommymattonies.com).

## BURGERS

**CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR** Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

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**HOG'S BREATH CAFE** A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" [www.hogsbreath.com/destin](http://www.hogsbreath.com/destin).

## CATERING

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## CONTEMPORARY

**BUD & ALLEY'S** This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

**LOUIS LOUIS** Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

## ECLECTIC

**CAFÉ THIRTY-A** Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house a.m.sphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

**THE RED BAR** The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple

dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. [www.theredbar.com](http://www.theredbar.com).

**VIN'TIJ** Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. \$5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

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## GERMAN/AMERICAN

**FOKKERS PUB** German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

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**GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH** Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, [georgesatalsbeach.net](http://georgesatalsbeach.net).

## IRISH

**JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S** Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4- 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. [www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com](http://www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com).

## ITALIAN

**TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO** Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5-8. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.



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### LATIN / MEXICAN

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA** Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. [www.CrabIslandCantina.com](http://www.CrabIslandCantina.com).

**LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR** Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, [lacocina30a.net](http://lacocina30a.net).

**LA PAZ** offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. [www.lapazdestin.com](http://www.lapazdestin.com).

**PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL** An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. [www.mypepitos.com](http://www.mypepitos.com).

### PIZZA & PASTA

**CRUST PIZZERIA** We strive to make the very best pizza. We make our own dough and sauce and grate the finest whole milk mozzarella. We make our own meatballs, slice the Italian sweet sausages, chop the fresh vegetables, then assemble your pizza just for you and bake it to perfection in a brick oven. Eat-in, takeout and delivery. Wine and craft beers. Open Mon.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 4-10 p.m. 104 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-2990. [destincrustpizzeria.com](http://destincrustpizzeria.com).

**CRUST PIZZERIA** Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

**CRUST PIZZERIA** Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

**LANDSHARK'S PIZZA** Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. [www.LandsharksPizza.com](http://www.LandsharksPizza.com).

**MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY** Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

**REDBRICK PIZZA** Fresh fire-roasted pizzas, fhazani sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato Ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### SEAFOOD

**THE BACK PORCH** Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East, Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you'll find us on the right side. [www.theback-porch.com](http://www.theback-porch.com). 850-837-2022.

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF** A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

**GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL** Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. [info@emeraldgrande.com](mailto:info@emeraldgrande.com).

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# Wuerffel Trophy Inspires Others to Be Community-Minded

By Samantha Lambert

As a former football player at Fort Walton Beach High School, the University of Florida and the National Football League, it is obvious Danny Wuerffel was an outstanding athlete. Born in Pensacola, he was the son of an Air Force Chaplain who moved all over the world. When the Wuerffel family moved to this area, Wuerffel attended Fort Walton Beach High School, where he led the Viking football team to a state championship. He was also valedictorian of the Class of 1991.

Wuerffel signed to play football at the University of Florida and in 1996 became Florida's second Heisman Trophy winner, joining his coach, Steve Spurrier. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in public relations. Wuerffel was then selected in the fourth round of the 1997 NFL draft by the New Orleans Saints. He spent six years in the NFL before retiring.

Back in 2005, **Tom Brassell**, a member of the All Sports Association in Fort Walton Beach, was talking with another member about creating an award named after Wuerffel. Brassell met with Wuerffel and presented the idea of an award that would be given to a college football player who best combines exemplary community service with athletic and academic achievement.

Wuerffel then contacted the executive director emeritus of the Heisman Trophy, Rudy Riska. Riska agreed that this type of award was needed in the National College Football Awards Association. In February of 2005, Brassell's group went to the All Sports Association Annual Awards Dinner as the



Danny Wuerffel and 2016 Wuerffel Trophy winner Trevor Knight.

presentation venue for the Wuerffel Trophy. The group agreed, and the Wuerffel Trophy was off and running.

"We were just four guys and a checkbook at the start," says Brassell, who is a past president of the All Sports Association. They started getting private donations and started looking for "community servants who just happen to be college football players and students."

Brassell became the Executive Director of the Wuerffel Trophy in 2013 and they became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The next step was to apply for membership to the National College Football Awards Association. There had to be 100 percent agreement among the NCFAA members for a new college football award.

Later that year, the NCFAA agreed to add the Wuerffel Trophy as a member of its organization and to its list of the most prestigious awards in college football.

The Wuerffel Trophy is the only major college football award that places the majority of its voting emphasis on community service. "It will inspire other people to be community minded, to live for others, to sacrifice their own interests for the benefit of the community and other people," said Wuerffel upon the inception of the award.

The Wuerffel Trophy is open to any FBS (Football Bowl Subdivision) college football player, but they must be nominated by their college. The nominee must have sustained, measurable and documented community service submitted which can be local, statewide, national or international. Community service constitutes 50 percent or more of the trophy committee's decision when voting.

The nominee must be a first team player or major contributor. Additional consideration is given to

those players who have been voted All Conference/All American. This category constitutes up to 25 percent of the trophy committee's voting decision.

There is no minimum grade point average required for the Wuerffel Trophy, but a nominee must meet NCAA minimum eligibility requirements. Additional weight may be given based upon the college or major field of study. This category constitutes up to 25 percent of the trophy committee's voting decision.

The Wuerffel Trophy's board of directors narrows down the submissions to semi-finalists. The Board of Directors includes Wuerffel, his family, Brassell, and seven others. The Wuerffel Trophy National Selection Committee then votes for the three finalists and then again from those three to decide the winner. Members of the National Selection Team include former Florida State Football Coach Bobby Bowden, Tim Tebow, Mike Ditka, Tim Brando and Holly Rowe.

The Wuerffel Trophy winner for 2016 was announced on December 6 at the National Football Foundation's Press Conference in New York City. The winner was Texas A&M quarterback Trevor Knight. Wuerffel will present the trophy to Knight at the 48th All Sports Association Awards Dinner in Fort Walton Beach Friday, **Feb. 10**.

"Our real mission for the Wuerffel Trophy is to show the young people of our country that there is a better way to do things through these amazing stories of college athletes serving others," says Brassell. "That while participating in athletics, it is also a positive and great thing to serve others in their communities and to excel in the classroom. For every nominee for the Wuerffel Trophy, we do a media release to their conference, their hometown newspaper, and to their high school as well. We do everything we can to get their stories told."



The Wuerffel Trophy.



# Nothing Lasts Forever

By Sean Dietrich

**Foley, Alabama.** I’m sitting in Lambert’s restaurant. This is the “home of thrown rolls.” Servers stroll the dining rooms, tossing yeast rolls at customers like four-seam fastballs.

A waiter lobs one at me. It hits me square in the teeth. He laughs. So does my wife.

It leaves a mark.

Our waitress brings our plates. Chicken-fried steak, collards, fried potatoes. She wishes me a happy New Year’s and asks, “Have you had a good twenty-sixteen?”

You bet your suspenders I have.

While I haven’t done anything noteworthy this year, I did get rid of our rusted 1974 mobile home. That was a biggie.

It got hauled to the county dump by a team of highly specialized ambulatory demolition experts with names like, Delmar, and—I’m not making this up—Willie Joe Mavis.

When the lovable singlewide left our property, it bore a yellow banner, reading, “oversized load.”

Willie played “Taps” on the bugle.

Another 2016 highpoint: I kept a New Year’s resolution. A little over 300 days ago, I resolved before King and country to go fishing every weekday at 2 p.m.—even if only for 10 minutes—and if need be, to include beer.

It wasn’t always easy, but the Lord provides.

The truth is, this has been the best year of my life. And I’m not just saying that.

Let me tell you about Randy.

We grew up together. He was a kindhearted soul who raised four kids on a millworker’s salary. He and his wife were salt-of-the earth folks. They ate healthy, abstained from alcohol, sodas, sugar, and barbecue.

He was raised as a foot-washing Baptist and could quote the Old Testament backwards—eyes shut.

I once watched Randy get caught in a fistfight outside a beer joint. Randy

wasn’t drinking. He refused to throw a punch and he got beat to a pulp. His soft-spokenness was something to see.

Randy died this year. Doctors never saw it coming. Nobody did. His wife stood on their porch watching an ambulance escort the body of a 42-year-old to the county morgue.

Gone.

It rattled me. What’s my point?

This: tonight I watched a sunset in a peanut field. Beside me was a woman who once promised she’d grow old with me. She hooked her arm around mine and said, “I’m cold, honey.”

So we went to Lambert’s.

I’m no fool. I know that nothing lasts forever. One day, she or I will give up breathing, and the other will give up smiling. One day, there will be no peanut fields, no arm-hooking, and no yeast rolls.

Don’t let anyone tell you the best is yet to come. We’re alive.

It’s already here.

Happy 2017.

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to fix it without eliminating health insurance for 20 million working-class people (lots of whom probably voted for Trump).

For the first time in years, Republicans must shed their obstructionist mission and actually pass a few laws. The pressure is huge; only Charlie Manson has lower public approval ratings than Congress.

Now it will be the GOP’s turn to scramble for a miracle way to help all those Americans who haven’t been lifted by the economic recovery. Many of them abandoned the Democratic ticket in November, out of a justified frustration.

That’s the paradox of Obama’s resurgent popularity. It couldn’t save his party, or its presidential candidate, from a rural wave of disillusion they never saw coming.

(Republican bigshots didn’t see it coming, either. Look what happened to Jeb Bush and all the other “serious” candidates.)

At the end, when it mattered most, Obama couldn’t bring the country together. The politics of fear, hate and division cashed in.

As a result, the keys to the White House are being handed to a man who couldn’t be more different from his poised and deliberative predecessor.

Trump is starting with a much stronger hand than the one dealt to Obama. There are many challenges ahead, but nothing like the dire mess that confronted a new young president eight years ago.

That will be Obama’s legacy, the steady way he worked through it. The country is dramatically better off now than it was in January 2009, and that’s what the history books will say.

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